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F O R E W O R D

The following is an excerpt from a letter I received from William Earl Stilson, under date of February 2, 1927. "I looked up the family history a little a few years ago but have lost track of my notes. Vincent came to America in 1648, settled in Malden, Massachusetts, and was a smithy by trade. He had some sons and by the time of the Revolutionary War there were a number of Stilsons who served in the American Army. I believe all the Stilsons are of the same original stock, though of course I have no real proof. The names Amos, Anson, Frank, William and David are all family names."

With the passing of cousin Earl on January 26, 1937 much of our family history was lost for he was intimately familiar with many phases of it. Careful search has been made by members of his family for any notes or manuscripts that he may have left and to which he referred in his letter to me, but as yet no trace of them has been found.

In a letter under date of Dec. 2, 1937 Dr. Frank Stockton of Hollywood, California, wrote as follows: "Mother says, that before her father died (David Stilson) he gave Earl Stilson, who died recently, all the information he had about the Stilson family. Knowing that Earl was in possession of such information in writing should cause a diligent search to be made." All this gave me an incentive to pick up the loose threads and weave them into some sort of definite form in order that they might be preserved for future reference. There is a large degree of satisfaction in being able to look back over the generations that have gone before visualizing the part they have played in the development of our great nation.

In the letter from Dr. Stockton above mentioned may be found the following notation: "I appreciate the importance of giving to our children the valuable information of those dear souls who have gone on and who lived and worked and struggled to build our nation and pass on to us those things which we too lightly prize and enjoy today. I do most earnestly congratulate you in the endeavor..."

It is evident to anyone who gives the matter any thought that to compile a complete genealogy of the Stilson family would be an almost impossible task, one

that would require a life-time to accomplish for the ascending and descending collateral families make up an endless chain. Consequently, I very largely have confined my efforts to our immediate branch of the family (David V 3) and to its direct antecedents fully realizing that much study has been left for others to consummate. The name Stilson may be found in various sections of our country. Whether or not, in every instance, those who bear it are able to trace their line back to the early immigrant Vincent Stilson is a matter of conjecture. I believe that the material contained herein will be of great value and assistance to any who might attempt it.

In my quest for reliable information I have corresponded with many members of the family. Some have responded in a most willing and helpful manner and I am greatly indebted to them for the assistance they have rendered. A work of this kind is never completed and is always subject to change as new or more reliable data are presented.

In collecting this material it has been necessary to engage the services of experts in the field of genealogy. Nearly all of the data on the family in New England was submitted by Mr. Donald Lines Jacobus, genealogist of New Haven, Connecticut. Mr. Jacobus is an authority. He is publisher of "The American Genealogist" author of a book known as "Genealogy as a Pastime and Profession" and compiler of "History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield" for The Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter D.A.R. I have been given much valuable assistance by Mrs. Edith Sherman, genealogist and librarian at the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio and Eirene Gregg Turner, genealogist, of Kane, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Turner has been awarded the "Certificate of Merit in Genealogy" by the Institute of American Genealogy of Chicago "in Recognition of Original Research and a Meritorious Contribution to the Archives of American Genealogy."

When this work was undertaken there was little hope of tracing our line to Vincent Stilson but with the assistance of those mentioned unusual success was achieved. There can be no doubt of lineage for each step is proved by legal and authoritative records.

From these records one may conclude that the members of the family who came to the New World during the seventeenth century knew the hazards of pioneer life and reared their families in a time when peril surrounded them on every hand. They served well their day and time. They were members of original church organizations, owners of property, interested in the general welfare, and in the main were components of that group of early American settlers which was representative of the better type of manhood and womanhood.

As a means of identification, in both the copied and original notes, I have used the Roman numerals to represent the generation, beginning with Vincent Stilson I, and numbers to indicate the child in a particular family. As an illustration, Amos IV 8 indicates that Amos was the eighth child in a family which was the fourth generation from Vincent I. In every instance, when only the given or baptismal name appears, the surname is Stilson. When, as in the case of Amos Clinton Stillson (VII 2) and his descendants the surname is spelled as shown, both the baptismal and surname have been given. When the daughter of a Stilson (or Stillson) marries, both the given and surname of her children have been included. It will require patience when reading copies of deeds and vital records, but they are necessary to prove ancestral lineage.

I sincerely hope that this collection of notes may prove to be of interest to living members of the family and possibly of some value to others who may at some time wish to continue the research.

W. C. S.

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VINCENT

ONLY EARLY SETTLER

OF STILSON NAME

IN NEW ENGLAND

A friend of the family reported that while touring through New England he stopped in an old cemetery in Milford, Connecticut and there saw a tombstone bearing the inscription, "William Edward Stilson, Schoolmaster and Deacon of the Church 1640." Upon learning of this I wrote Mr. Donald Lines Jacobus, genealogist of New Haven, Connecticut and asked him to go to Milford and verify the matter.

At the same time I asked him to submit an opinion upon the following, taken from The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Mass. Volume II, page 902, which reads as follows:

Stilson (William) I "Stitson" "Stetson" Inhabitant 1632; Adm. Church with wife Elizabeth, Mar 22, 1633. Kept ferry, succeeding Thomas Harris (per court testimony) m. Elizabeth Harris I who died Feb. 16, 1669-70, age 93. Etc.

His reply follows:

See Addenda A

September 19, 1938

Dr. W. C. Stillson
10208 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Vincent was the only early settler of the Stilson name I have found in New England. William of Charlestown was a Stetson. It is sometimes hard to disguise 'l' and 't' in the old writing and Savage in his Dictionary wrongfully enters Vincent under both Stilson and Stetson.

Your cousin's friend must have misread the stone in Milford and possibly it was 1840 instead of 1640. Double given names were not used by English families at that period. Milford was not founded until 1639, and there are no stones as early as 1640. The church has records going back to 1639 and I sent you all the early Stilson records in it. Finally, all the stones in Milford bearing an earlier date than 1800 were copied and published by Pond years ago and he found no Stilson stones.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD L. JACOBUS

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LIEUTENANT VINCENT STILSON I

Savage, in his Genealogical Dictionary of New England Vol. IV, page 196 gives the following:

"Stilson, Vincent, Milford 1646 D 1690 but more than half that interval, lived away from Milford and at Marblehead is seen 1668-74. In his will names wife Mary and 5 sons, Vincent, James, Hugh, Charles, Moses and daughters Agnes Hawkins and the wife of George Barley who may be the same as Barlow. Vincent, Marblehead, called Junior in the signing of petition of inhabitants of Milford 1668 may have been son of the preceding."

I suppose it would be hard to find his English origin without undertaking expensive research abroad. I have seen no evidence that he held commissioned rank, though he is probably the person referred to as Sergt. Stilson in Essex County Court Records. I have not seen evidence that Vincent was ever in Milford until about 1680--Jacobus.

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record Vol. 51, pages 29-34 refers to Vincent as Lieutenant Vincent Stilson.

It is thought that many of the Milford settlers may have come with the John Davenport group but as there is no list of his followers, this cannot be proved. Most of the planters of Milford were from Essex Co., Mass. and York Co. Many of the first group were from Weathersfield, Conn. Little is known of Vincent Stilson but that he was in Marblehead between 1668 and 1674. He appears to have been one of the early planters for on the list of "principal after planters" from 1646 to about 1660 is the name of Vincent Stilson. He died 1690. Every planter was compelled to bear his proportion of the expense of settling and laying out lots and received land in proportion to the amount he had contributed.

Ref. Historical Sketches of Milford,
p. 13--Mrs. Sherman

In the Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Mass. (In print: Vol. 6 pages 149-151 and 169) dated June 1676 there are two pages of testimony in a defamation suit in which Vincent (Vincon) son of Vincent I became involved. The suit is listed "Vincon Stilson V, Charles Gibbs of Marblehead in behalf of Elizabeth his wife." From this testimony it is evident that Vincent I made shoes. Grace, wife of Vincent I testified at the trial, and her age is given as about 37. It will be noted that Vincent is often spelled "Vincon" or "Vinson."

It therefore appears that when Vincent I lived in Marblehead he had a wife Grace, born about 1639, who presumably was mother of the older children, Vincent, James and Agnes. The will as recorded says "my Agnes Hawkings" but presumably the original will, not in existence, said "my daughter Agnes Hawkings."--Jacobus.

WILL OF VINCENT I

(omitting connecting words and legal jargon)

From NEW HAVEN PROBATE RECORDS

Vol. 2, p. 45 (repaged, old p. 64)

Also Savage Vol. I p. 117.

I Vincent Stilson of Milford.....

ffirst I give & bequeath my soule into the hands of god whoe gave it, & my body to a christian buriall...I give unto my son Vincent Stilson, James Stilson, and unto my (sic) Agnes Hawkings one shilling apiece....

I give unto my son Hugh Stilson & Charls Stilson three pound apiece....as they come to the age of twenty one yeares.

I give to my daughter Barly wife of George Barly the sume of five shillings, shee haveing had her portion already.

I give unto my son Moses Stilson my house & lands in Milford....but if he decease before he come to the age of twenty one years or marriage,...(same to be) divided between my two sons Hugh Stilson & Charls

Stilson after my wives Mary Stilson her decease...(she to enjoy the homestead for life, then to Moses).

(He gives the residue to) loveing wife Mary Stilson.

Dated 17 Sept. 1687.

Signed by mark (S).

Witnesses: John Beard, Samuell Eells senior.

Below the will is the inventory, taken 13 May 1690; total, £161:01:02.

The house and homelot were appraised at £50.
No other realty.

It is clear that Mary was second wife of Vincent. After his death she married Samuel Couch.--Jacobus.

From the meagre information available regarding Vincent I it is almost impossible to follow the thread of his life. Probably he was born in England about 1620-25. One may assume this because he is listed among the "principal after planters" in Milford, Conn. in 1646. His first wife Grace was born in 1639 and he probably married her in 1655 or 1656.

It is evident that he travelled between Milford, Conn. and Marblehead, Mass. several times. He was in Marblehead in 1676 and just previous to this date as the Records of the Courts of Essex County, Mass., show. But on Sept. 17, 1687, when his will was drawn, he was in Milford and he remained there until his death May 13, 1690.

Mr. Jacobus thinks that Grace, the first wife of Vincent I was the mother of Vincent, James and Agnes. In the will Vincent I gives "to my daughter Barly, wife of George Barly the sune of five shillings." This was in 1687. This daughter must have been at least 17 years of age (being the wife of George Barly) which would place the date of her birth at about 1670 and prove that she also was the daughter of Grace since Vincent I was living with her as late as 1676.

Grace, the first wife of Vincent I must have

died in 1676 or very soon thereafter for all the children of Mary his second wife were born after 1676 or 1677. In fact Mrs Sherman has noted the death of Grace Stilson in Marblehead in 1676 aged 37 years.

Mr. Jacobus believes that Moses was the eldest child of Mary and that Hugh and Charls were younger. He (Jacobus) notes that there is recorded the birth of "Susanna, daughter of Vincent Stilson born at Milford, Nov. 9, 1680," the only child recorded there and that she probably died young. Either she or Charls were undoubtedly the last born.

The fact that Hugh was married five or six year before Moses supports the belief that he may have been elder of the two. If Moses was the eldest son by second wife Mary he was probably born about 1677. If Hugh and Charls were younger they may have been born in 1678 and 1682 respectively, with the birth of Susanna recorded above in 1680.

Grace the first wife of Vincent I was probably about twelve to fourteen years younger than he and like wise Mary his second wife was undoubtedly some years younger as she became, after his death, the wife of Samuel Couch.

CHILDREN OF VINCENT I
AND FIRST WIFE, GRACE

- II 1. VINCENT b. about 1656
- II 2. JAMES b. about 1658; d. Aug. 2, 1689
- II 3. AGNES b. between 1660 and 1665
- II 4. MARY m. George Barly (or Barlow). She was probably b. between 1665 and 1670. According to Jacobus her name was Mary. In the will of Vincent I, she is called Barly which may have been a pet name given her by her father. In Savage Vol. I, page 117 note the following: "George Barlow of Milford had before 1690 married a daughter of Vincent Stetson (meaning Stilson) as in the will of Stilson appears." No other information.

CHILDREN OF VINCENT I
AND SECOND WIFE, MARY

- II 5. MOSES b. about 1677 or 1678
- II 6. HUGH b. about 1678 or 1679; d. Mar. 4, 1727-8
- II 7. SUSANNA b. at Milford Nov. 9, 1680. According to Jacobus may have died young. No other information.
- II 8. CHARLS b. about 1682 or possibly before Susanna. No other information.

VINCENT II 1
(son of Vincent I and Grace)

Vincent was the first child mentioned in the will of Vincent I and undoubtedly was the first born. Date of his birth may have been about 1656. His mother was then seventeen. Mrs. Sherman thinks that Vincent Junior was a gay young man and his father a man of discretion.

The first that we learn of Vincent Junior he was involved in a suit against Charles Gibbs, whose wife Elizabeth had defamed him. His mother Grace, aged about

thirty-seven, testified in defense of her son Vincent. Account of this testimony may be found in the Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Mass (in print, Vol. 6, pages 149-151 and 169 and dated June 1676). One thing may be gleaned from the above record. In those early days a very slight misdemeanor was magnified many times, and a thing that today might attract only passing attention was at that time considered to be a major crime.

CHILDREN OF VINCENT II 1
AND FIRST WIFE, SARAH
(son of Vincent I)

In the church records of Marblehead, Mass., may be noted the baptism of two children of Sarah Stilson:

- III 1. SUSANNA b. April 19, 1685
- III 2. VINSON b. Aug. 22, 1686

and the death of Sarah Stilson in 1695. (See also Marblehead Vital Records Vol. 1, page 492.)

Presumably Sarah was the wife of Vincent Junior (II 1). He married again, for there was recorded the marriage intention, May (or March) 4, 1696-7, of Vinson Stilson to Susanna Gray of Boston. (See Marblehead Vital Records, Vol. 3, page 24.) Susanna, the daughter, or possibly the widow of Vincent (II 1), married May 18, 1702, Joseph Vyoll---Jacobus.

It is impossible to determine whether the above record of marriage of Susanna on May 18, 1702 was that of Vincent's (II 1) daughter or of his second wife, as they bore the same name and at that time his daughter was of the marriage age. In these times announcement of the marriage intention usually was made about three weeks before the marriage occurred.

JAMES II 2
(son of Vincent I and Grace)

The following interesting story of James Stilson is taken from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 51, pages 29-34 and the History of Bristol and Bremen, Maine, page 245:

In 1675 James Stilson, son of Lieutenant Vincent Stilson (I) of Milford, Conn. and Marblehead, Mass., married Margaret Gould, born 1660 and oldest daughter of Alexander and Margaret Gould. He took the Oath of Fidelity before the Commissioner of Marblehead on Dec. 18, 1677. (See Essex County Court Records Vol. 6, page 398.) Margaret joined the First Church of Marblehead Apr. 18, 1686 and their children were baptized on May 16, 1686. It was in this year that he sold his land and moved to Pemaquid, Maine.

The island of Muscongus together with a tract on the mainland, in all containing eight square miles of the John Brown land, was inherited by Margaret (Gould) Stilson as the oldest daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Brown) Gould. This is a portion of the land which John Brown (Margaret's maternal grandfather) "on July 15, 1625 purchased of the Sagamores for fifty skins." This is supposed to be the earliest Indian deed on record.

It was during the 2nd Indian War (as it was called) on Aug. 2, 1689, the day that the Pemaquid Fort was taken that James Stilson, then living on Muscongus Island, was killed by the Indians. His wife Margaret and the children were captured and carried to Canada. The Indians took their infant and burned it on the fire, before leaving.

An expedition was formed in Oct. 1695 to ransom the Canada captives who had been sold to the French and held by them. Margaret Gould Stilson was brought back. Two of her children, Margaret and James, were among those who remained. Two children, Mary and John, are unaccounted for, possibly they died young. The widow Margaret Stilson, married Mar. 30, 1696 Thomas Pittman

of Marblehead. They both lived in that town until their death. Thomas Pittman died, in 1736 and Margaret (Gould) Stilson--Pittman lived until Dec. 1750, dying at the age of 92.

Margaret, the captive daughter, must have returned about or slightly before 1699 for it was on June 2nd that year that she married William Hilton.

The son James did not come back until after 1703 for at that date he married another Indian captive taken in a later raid. Her name was Hannah Odiorne, of New Castle, New Hampshire. When he heard of the captivity of a New England woman, he went to see her and liked her so well, that he gave a hatfull of silver for her. She was a widow having previously married John Batson, Jr., of Cape Porpoise, New Arundle, Maine.

James II 2 must have been born about 1658 and died Aug. 2, 1689.

OATH OF FIDELITIE

(From Vol. II, Colonial Laws of Mass., page 163)

"Whereas I am an Inhabitant within this Jurisdiction, Considering how I stand Obligated to the Kings Majesty, his Heires and Successors, by our Charter and the Government Established thereby; Do Swear accordingly by the great and dreadful Name of the Ever-Living God, that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to our Soveraign Lord the King, his Heires and Successors: and that I will be True and Faithfull to this Government, and accordingly yield Allegiance thereunto, with my person and estate, as in equity I am bound.

And will also truly endeavour to Maintain and Preserve all the Liberties and Priviledges thereof, Submitting my self unto the wholesome Laws made and established by the same.

And farther that I will not Plot or practice any evil against it or consent to any that shall so do: but will timely discover and reveal the same to Lawful Authority now here established, for the speedy preventing thereof.

So help me God in our Lord Jesus Christ."

All inhabitants receiving protection of the Government were required to take the Oath of Fidelity or Allegiance to the Government. Strangers, or in Colonial times, the English made offensive speeches concerning his country and their fidelity was questioned. Therefore they were compelled to take the oath.--Comment by Mrs. Sherman.

CHILDREN OF JAMES II 2
AND MARGARET (GOULD)
(son of Vincent I)

From the Marblehead Church Records and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 51, pages 30-32.

II 1. JAMES b. about 1676 Bapt. May 16, 1686; m. Hannah (Odiorne) Batson 1703

The descendants of James III 1 and Hannah are many in number. Some served in the Revolutionary War. They are not in our direct line of ancestry as will be seen later. Complete record of their descendants is to be found in The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record Vol. 51, pages 34-39.

II 2. JOHN b. about 1677 or 1678; bapt. May 16, 1686.
No further information

II 3. MARGARET b. about 1679 or 1680; bapt. May 16, 1686; m. William Hilton, June 2, 1699

II 4. MARY b. about 1680-1684; bapt. May 16, 1686.
No further information

II 5. AN INFANT b. about 1688; killed by Indians Aug. 2, 1689

AGNES II 3
(daughter of Vincent I and Grace)

B. about 1660-1665; m. Thomas (?) Hawkings about

CHILDREN OF AGNES II 3
AND (?) HAWKINGS
(daughter of Vincent I)
From Marblehead Records

- III 1. JAMES HAWKINGS b. about 1677-1679; bapt. Mar.
22, 1684/5; m. Elizabeth Humphrey, Mar. 5,
1692/3
- III 2. JOHN HAWKINGS b. about 1679-1680; bapt. Mar. 22
1684/5
- III 3. PRISCILLA HAWKINGS b. about 1680-1681; bapt.
Mar. 22, 1684/5; m. Francis Grant, July 13,
1702. He was born Nov. 25, 1673 and was the
son of Francis and Susanna (Combs) Grant who
were married in 1668
- III 4. ROBERT HAWKINGS b. about 1681-1682; bapt. Mar.
22, 1684/5
- III 5. THOMAS HAWKINGS b. about 1682-1683; bapt. Mar.
22, 1684/5

MOSES II 5
(son of Vincent I and Mary)

B. about 1677 or 1678; m. Charity Bailey Mar. 1
1704/5 at Milford, Conn. See Addenda B.

CHILDREN OF MOSES II 5
AND CHARITY (BAILEY)
(son of Vincent I)

- III 1. MOSES b. Dec. 25, 1705
- III 2. JOHN b. Mar. 13, 1708

HUGH II 6
(son of Vincent I and Mary)

The following data were contained in a letter
from Mr. Jacobus under date of May 4, 1938:

According to Savage, Genealogical Dictionary of
New England, Vol. IV, page 196 one of the five sons nam

in 1690 in the will of the first Vincent Stilson of Milford, Conn., was Hugh. My copy of Milford Vital Records shows very few early Stilson entries.

Hugh Stilson had wife Martha who was a member of the Milford First Church. As I have failed to find record of her admission, it is likely (unless record was accidentally omitted) that she joined before marriage under her maiden name or under her previous married name if she was a widow when she married Hugh Stilson. See Addenda C.

CHILDREN OF HUGH II 6
AND FIRST WIFE, MARTHA
(son of Vincent I)

The following items appear under the record of baptisms (search made only to the end of 1708):

- III 1. MARTHA dau. of sister Martha Stilson; b. Aug. 6, 1699. This child died in July 1700
- III 2. SAMUEL son of Martha, wife of Hugh Stilson; b. Apr. 27, 1701
- III 3. JOSEPH son of Martha, wife of Hugh Stilson; b. June 18, 1704; d. before 1768
- III 4. BENJAMIN son of Martha, wife of Hugh Stilson; b. Feb. 6, 1708/9

CHILD OF HUGH II 6
AND SECOND WIFE, JANE
(son of Vincent I)

- III 5. VINCENT child of Hugh and Jane Stilson; b. June 11, 1724; d. Jan. 3, 1797 (see following)

There may have been more children of Hugh born in Milford. Hugh Stilson settled in Newtown, Conn., and figures in a number of deeds there:

Vol. 1-2, p. 15 in back of book. Apr. 25, 1721. Thomas Bracey of Newtown conveyed land to Martha wife of

Hugh Stilson of Milford. Witnesses: Thomas Bennitt, Daniel Gunn.

Vol. 1-2, p. 16 1/2, at back. March 29, 1722. Josiah Burritt of Newtown conveyed to Hugh Stilson of the same.

Vol. 1-2, p. 15 1/2 at back. June 23, 1721. John Lake of Newtown conveyed to Hugh Stilson and Martha his wife of Newtown.

These deeds seem to fix the settlement of Hugh in Newtown as the Spring of 1721. The early vital records in Newtown were entered in the back of the land records volumes. Vol. 2, pp. 349, 350, has: "Vincent, child of Hugh and Jane Stilson born June 11, 1724," and in a later hand the death of Vincent is entered as Jan. 3, 1797 aged 73. Hugh died March 4, 1727/8.

I think this is the same Hugh, in which case Martha appears to have died shortly after 1721 since Vincent the son by Jane was born 1724.

Since some of the Stilson property had been purchased in the name of Hugh's wife Martha, it would descend to her children. The following deed is therefore of interest:

Vol. 3-4, p. 237. June 23, 1735/6. Partition of land between Samuel Stilson, Joseph Stilson and Benjamin Stilson, all of Newtown...they mutually divided "The Real Inheritance to us Desending from Our Honoured Mother Martha Stilson Deceased once Wife to our Honoured Father Hugh Stilson Deceased." Witnesses: Thos. Tousey, James Brisco.

These were the three sons whose baptisms were recorded at Milford, and this positively identifies Joseph Stilson of Newtown as the son of Hugh and Martha.

CHILD OF JOSEPH III 3
AND FIRST WIFE, MARY (DUNING)
(son of Hugh II 6)

In the back of the Land Records, Vol. 2, page 348 is entered: Joseph, child of Joseph and Mary Stilson born at Newtown June 19, 1727.

After a separate book was started for vital records, the following family was entered in a group--Vol. 1, p. 30:

Child of Joseph Stilson and Mary Duning his wife: (see Addenda D)

IV 1. JOSEPH b. June 19, 1727; d. 1811; m. Margaret Clinton

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH III 3
AND SECOND WIFE, MARY (BRISCO)
(son of Hugh II 6)

IV 2. MARY b. Nov. 9, 1731; m. Nathan Platt, June 4, 1754

IV 3. MATHA (so spelled, MARTHA meant) b. May 30, 1733

IV 4. ELIJAH b. Oct. 25, 1734

IV 5. STEPHEN b. Jan. 27, 1736/7

IV 6. MEHITABEL b. Aug. 19, 1738

IV 7. DARCOS (DORCAS) b. July 19, 1740; m. Francis Pearce

IV 8. AMOS b. April 13, 1743; m. Sarah Clinton

Mary, second wife of Joseph III 3, died Aug. 2, 1754 in her 54th year.

The records of the D.A.R. mention a Joseph Stilson, b. 1726 (should be 1727) as a minute-man, 1776 in the 5th Co. 13th Reg. of Conn. Militia. It also states that he died in 1811 in Bethlehem, Conn. and that he married Margaret Clinton in 1740 (this date was evidently

copied wrong and should be 1749).

The foregoing refers to Joseph IV 1, first son of Joseph III 3.

Mr. Jacobus submitted the following:

Joseph Stilson (III 3) conveyed land to some of his sons; on March 30, 1759 he conveyed to his son Elijah and to his son Stephen, all of Newtown, in two separate deeds, both recorded in Vol. 7, p. 221. There is no conveyance indexed to his son Amos and possibly he died before Amos was of age. The important thing to find in Newtown was proof that this Amos born in 1743 was the same who settled in Woodbridge. His name appears in a single deed, and this gives us the desired proof.

Vol. 9, p. 32. Apr. 1, 1768. Joseph Stilson (IV 1) and Amos Stilson (IV 8) both of Milford in the County of New Haven and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, and Elijah Stilson, Francis Pearce and Dorcass his wife all of Newtown in the County of Fairfield in the Colony, etc., above said....for £40....convey to Gideon Botsford of Newtown....8 acres 8 rods at the Twenty Acre Lots so called....Witnesses: Richard Fairman Mary Holister.

Since no record is found of a conveyance from Joseph (III 3) to Amos (IV 8), but he sold land in 1768 above with two brothers and a sister, which must therefore have been inherited property, I take it that Joseph (III 3) had died before 1768 and that these children were conveying their shares of his estate. I did not go on to Danbury to look for estate of Joseph (and of his father Hugh), because the files of the Danbury Probate District have been deposited at Hartford in the State Library, and I can consult them there if desired when I am next working in Hartford.

It will be seen that in 1768 Amos Stilson (IV 8) as well as his older half-brother Joseph (IV 1), were described as of Milford. Milford included part of the

Parish of Amity which did not become the town of Woodbridge until 1784. Hence in 1768 all the residents in the present Woodbridge were citizens of either Milford or New Haven according to the section in which they lived. Amos is therefore identified by this deed.

As further proof, the Amity (Woodbridge) Church records contain the following entries:

Joseph Stilson (IV 1) and Margaret Clinton, both of Amity, m., Nov. 20, 1749.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH IV 1
AND MARGARET (CLINTON)
(son of Joseph III 3)

- V 1. EUNICE dau. of Joseph Stilson; bapt. Nov. 4, 1750
- V 2. JOSIAH son of Joseph Stilson; bapt. Jan. 11, 1753
- V 3. SARAH (The records of the D.A.R. give this child as the first but date of birth is not known)
(see Addenda E)

Joseph (IV 1) was obviously the older half-brother of Amos (IV 8); and it appears that Amos came to Woodbridge where his brother Joseph was already living and married a relative of Joseph's wife. The same church records contain also the marriage, Jan. 4, 1754, of Nathan Platt and Mary Stilson (IV 2), both of Amity. This fits very well the age of Mary, the sister of Amos. It seems likely that Joseph Stilson (III 3) of Newtown died while some of his children were young and that they went to live with their older half-brother Joseph (IV 1) who was already settled in Woodbridge.

Search in Milford records, vital, church, probate and deeds, would be required to identify the wives of Hugh (II 6) and Joseph (III 3) Stilson. I note a Mary, dau. of James Brisco, Jun., baptised at Milford, May 14, 1704, but her age does not fit very closely the age at death of Joseph Stilson's wife. However, I think she is the one, because Milford Vital Records, Vol. 2, p. 80,

state that James Brisco and Elizebeth Adams married June 1, 1699; that the first child was Mary, b. March 8, 1701, and the next child was not born until July 20, 1704. Hence Mary was about three years old when she was baptized, and the baptism occurred presumably after one or both of her parents joined the church, not long before the birth of her next sister. The names of Mary's brothers and sisters do not correspond with the names she gave her Stilson children, except that she had a sister Mehitabel and gave that name to a daughter. Her identity is not yet proved, but appears probable.

FINDING OF RECORD OF MARRIAGE OF
AMOS STILSON (IV 8) AND SARAH CLINTON

This point in the history of the Stilson family represents a connecting link in the chain for all the preceding data was worked out after the facts immediately following had been discovered, which facts dispel all doubt that Amos (IV 8) and Sarah Clinton were our direct ancestors. The given name, Amos Clinton, occurred so often in the line of descendants that Mrs. Sherman, genealogist and librarian of the Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland, Ohio, suggested that a search of Clinton Genealogy be made, and this led to the discovery of the record of the marriage of Amos Stilson and Sarah Clinton.

It then became necessary to learn something of the children of Amos and Sarah in order to establish them as our direct ancestors. To do this the services of Mr. Donald Lines Jacobus, genealogist of New Haven, Connecticut, were engaged. His report was unusually complete in view of the lack of vital statistics and church records. Most of the record immediately following is a verbatim transcript of letters from him giving detailed report of his research and conclusions. The following letter from him under date of Mar. 15, 1938, showing his approach to our problem, is of interest:

I went to-day to Waterbury, Watertown, and Woodbridge, having previously tried the copy of the Woodbridge church records here.

The Woodbridge deeds show so much that if I had gone there first, I might have felt it unnecessary to go to the other places. It so happened that I went to the other places first, mistakenly believing they would be more likely to contain what we wanted than the Woodbridge records. Amos married in 1772 and was listed at Watertown in 1790. The chances were that he and his wife sold their Woodbridge property when they moved or shortly after. In that event, the deeds in Woodbridge would have shown nothing except sales by Amos and his wife. On the other hand, some of the children of Amos must have been well along in their 'teens when the family moved to Watertown; and so I had the hope that either Amos died at Watertown and I could get his children from

the probate at Waterbury, or else that he might have conveyed land to his sons, and that would appear in the Watertown records.

Since both in Waterbury (the probate office) and Watertown, they close at noon for some time, I wanted to reach Waterbury in time to complete work on the probate before the noon closing, so as not to lose time after lunch hanging around for the office to reopen; therefore, since Woodbridge seemed the least likely place to reveal the parentage of David (in the lack of vital or church records), I decided to push on to Waterbury at the start, and if the search failed there and in Watertown, to try Woodbridge on the way home as a last desperate chance.

Well, there was not a Stilson estate in the first index of Waterbury probate, so I need not have hurried to get there. I went on to Watertown, where there was not a single Stilson vital entry in the town records, and nothing in the deeds except one purchase and sale by Amos. So I concluded the family had sold out in 1790 and gone to New York and that I should have to report complete failure. Having spent so little time on the records in Waterbury and Watertown, I was in plenty of time on the way home to stop in Woodbridge and examine the deeds. My report tells the rest of the story. Instead of complete failure, I am able to give much more complete data on the children of Amos Stilson than I had dared even to hope.

Sincerely yours,

Donald L. Jacobus

P.S. There is no connection with the DeWitt Clinton family. The parentage of the first Lawrence Clinton has never been learned, and until his family has been traced abroad, it is impossible to make a flat statement that he was or was not connected with the DeWitt Clinton family. All we can say is that no connection is known. The DeWitt Clinton family has been traced abroad, how correctly I do not know.

AMOS STILSON (IV 8) AND SARAH CLINTON

[Son of Joseph III 3 and his second wife, Mary (Brisco)]

The following is taken from a letter from Mr. Jacobus under date of May 16, 1938 in answer to a request for further proof of the identity of Amos IV 8:

Regarding the identity of Amos Stilson, I don't know that I can add anything to the evidence given in my last report, which I thought quite convincing. The quoted deed proves that Joseph (IV 1) and Amos (IV 8), sons of Joseph (III 3) of Newtown, were living in the township of Milford. There is no other deed of this or any other Amos in Newtown. Amity Parish (later Woodbridge) was at that date partly in Milford township. Most of the Stilson family had moved from Milford early up to Newtown; there is no record of the birth of Amos Stilson, nor of his baptism, in Milford town or church records. Hence the Amos son of Joseph (III 3) born at Newtown is the ONLY Amos of whom we find record, and the deed proves that THIS Amos did move from Newtown back into Milford township which then included part of the present Woodbridge. The deed in fact proves that both Amos and his older half-brother Joseph (jr.) were both of Milford township; and in the Amity Parish records (then partly in Milford) we find the recorded marriages of both Joseph and Amos, both of them marrying Clinton girls. I am sure any genealogist could draw but one conclusion from these facts. Of course if we had record of any other Amos of about the same age, we should have to investigate the history of the other (imaginary) Amos--but the latter would doubtless be proved to live elsewhere and not to be your Amos, because the records show but ONE Amos living in Milford (Woodbridge) at that period, and the Newtown deed shows that HE was the son of Joseph of Newtown.

The following was compiled from the Jacobus letter of March 15, 1938:

Amos was born Apr. 13, 1743 in Amity Parish, which became the township of Woodbridge. The home of the Stilsons was therefore in New Haven, Connecticut.

Amity Parish, partly in New Haven and partly in

Milford, Connecticut, became the township of Woodbridge in 1784, but the township embraced both the old Amity Parish (which then became the "First Society" of Woodbridge) and the Bethany Parish which in 1832 became the township of Bethany.

The early Bethany church records were lost by fire. The Amity Church Records contain gaps, periods when apparently no records were kept.

In the Amity Church Records, under date of August 12, 1772, may be found record of the marriage of Amos Stilson and Sarah Clinton, both of Amity.

Record of this marriage also appears in the New Haven Genealogical Magazine, pages 423, 424, and 426, and in the Northrop Genealogy, pages 3, 8, 9, and 26. Sarah's mother's name was Abigail Northrop, born July 21, 1723.

It was on July 20, 1776 that Amos and his wife Sarah received from Lawrence Clinton (Sarah's father) a deed to "all right in the 9th Division of New Haven laid out to John Downs"--this, Sarah's father had received by heirship from his parents--Thomas and Hope Clinton.

Little can be said regarding the occupation of Amos, but it is possible that he spent most of his life in small towns. When in April of 1785 he deeded back to Samuel Newton "half an acre" and "all the buildings standing on said land" it was evidently with the purpose of leaving Woodbridge, Connecticut.

The following year on November 2 he purchased "20 acres" of Allen Sperry. This is shown in the Watertown Land Records and indicates that he moved from Woodbridge to Watertown in 1786. It is probable that by this time six of the seven children had been born. At the birth of the seventh child, Benoni, his wife Sarah died. This was on November 25, 1787.

The 1790 Census lists Amos still at Watertown, Connecticut, but in that same year (Oct. 13) he sold the 20 acres which he bought of Allen Sperry to Osee Silkreg and evidently left Watertown soon afterward. No further record of the life of Amos seems available at present.

DATA RELATING TO
AMOS STILSON (IV 8) AND SARAH CLINTON
AND THEIR CHILDREN
CONTAINED IN A LETTER FROM
DONALD LINES JACOBUS
UNDER DATE OF MARCH 15, 1938

On 20 July 1776, Lawrence Clinton of Milford (he lived in the part of Amity Parish which was then in Milford township) conveyed to his son-in-law Amos Stilson and his wife "my daughter Sarah Stilson" all right in the 9th Division of New Haven laid out to John Downs which "descended to me by heirship from my parents Tho. and Hope Clinton" (New Haven Land Records, vol. 35, p. 115).

The home of the Stilsons was therefore in New Haven, while that of the Clintons was in Milford, but both lived in Amity Parish which, as above stated, in 1784 became the town of Woodbridge. Shortly after, Amos Stilson sold and moved to Watertown, Conn. The deed of sale is recorded in Woodbridge Land Records, vol. 1, p. 105:

On 13 Apr. 1785. Amos Stilson of Woodbridge, New Haven Co., Conn., for £55, to Sam^{ll} Newton of Woodbridge, half an acre bounded north on highway, east, north and south on said Sam^{ll} Newton's land, "being the same piece of Land y^t was Given to me by the s^d Sam^{ll} Newton tho it is said in s^d Deed to have been for the Consideration of twenty shillings" with all the Buildings standing on s^d Land. Witnesses: Thomas Darling (he was the J.P.) and Thomas Darling Jr.

No baptisms of children of Amos Stilson are recorded in the Amity Church records, nor in the town records of New Haven or Woodbridge are their births found. Watertown was set off from Waterbury as a town in 1780, and from 1780 to 1850 there is not a Stilson entry in the vital statistics.

Watertown Land Records, vol. 3, p. 374. 2 Nov. 1786. Allen Sperry of Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn., for £40, sold to Amos Stilson (no habitat stated), 20 acres "which I had of John Merrils," bounded west on highway, south on my own land, east on common land, and north on Darius Scovil. Witnesses: Thos. Matthews, Hannah Matthews Junr. Recorded 27 Feb. 1788.

Same, vol. 4, p. 271. 13 Oct. 1790. Amos Stilson of Watertown in the County of Litchfield, Conn., for 40, sold to Osee Silkreggs of Watertown, 20 acres "I bought of Allen Sperry" with a Dwelling House, bounded west on highway, south on Ephraim Howes, east on common land, north on Darius Scovil. Witnesses: Thos. Matthews (he was the J.P.) and Stephen Matthews. Recorded 26 Oct. 1790.

The Skilton mortuary list of Watertown enters on 5 Nov. 1787 the death of "Wife of Amos Stilson" aged 72 (The Mattatuck Hist. Society Publications, vol. 2, p. 232). Sarah Clinton was born at Milford, 10 Aug. 1747, so was really in her 41st year at death, but stated ages are often a trifle inaccurate, particularly in private unofficial records.

In the 1790 Census, Amos Stilson was listed at Watertown, his family consisting of himself, 2 males under 16 years, and 3 females.

It is probable that the family had been to some extent broken up by the death of Amos Stilson's wife in 1787. The census records indicate two boys and three girls, unless Amos had married again by 1790, in which case but two girls were then living with him. Probably after the wife's death some of the younger children were taken by relatives, at least for a time. It is indicated by records shortly to be quoted that Amos and Sarah had four surviving sons and three surviving daughters. Most of the family probably removed to New York State shortly after the sale of the Watertown home late in 1790.

It will be noted that Amos Stilson did not sell the land which had been given to him and his wife by his wife's father in 1776. This land was in the Ninth Division of New Haven lands, corresponding roughly to Amity Society or the New Haven part of it. It would probably be considered that this land belonged to his wife, or that he held it in right of his wife; and after her death, the title would vest in her children. Because of this fortunate circumstance, and the death of Sarah before the

land was sold, the Woodbridge Land Records contain the following deeds from heirs of Sarah (Clinton) Stilson.

Vol. 4, p. 412. 6 Feb. 1795. Rebeckah Stilson of Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn., quitclaimed to Samuel Newton of Woodbridge, "a Certain Piece of Land lying in s^d Woodbridge which came to me by Heirship from my Mother Sarah Stilson, Late of Watertown in Litchfield County Dec^d." Witnesses: Phinehas Porter, Amos Stilson. Recorded 3 Mar. 1795.

Vol. 4, p. 413. 7 Feb. 1795. Stephen Stilson of Stephen-Town of the County of Albany in the State of New York....to Samuel Newton....land in Parish of Amity about one Mile southwestwardly from the Meeting-house.. 10 acres....which Land came to me by heirship from my Mother Sarah Stilson late of Watertown Deceased. Witnesses: Thomas Darling (J.P. in Woodbridge) and Hyma Darling. The grantor personally appeared and acknowledged the deed in Woodbridge, 7 Feb. 1795. Recorded 3 Mar. 1795.

Vol. 5, p. 390. 20 Oct. 1800. DAVID STILSON OF STEPHENTOWN IN THE COUNTY OF RANSLOR (sic, for Rensselaer County) in the State of New York, in consideration of and for Divers good Causes me thereunto mooving....to Samuel Newton of Woodbridge in Newhaven County State of Connecticut....land in said Woodbridge in the parish of Amity about Southwesterly the meeting house in Said Society Containing in the whole ten acreBounded West on highway North on Land of the said Samuel Newton East on Land of heirs of Epheream Strong Esq Dec^d and South on Land of John Dibble...Which Land Came to me by heirship from my mother Sarah Stilson La of Watertown Dec^d. Witnesses: Samuel Osborn, Nancy Morgan. Personally appeared David Stilson and acknowledged in Woodbridge, 20 Oct. 1800. Deed recorded 9 Jan 1801 by Samuel Osborn, Clerk.

Vol. 7, p. 517. 15 Feb. 1808. Elias Stilson Woodbridge, New Haven Co., Conn., for \$5.00, to Samuel Newton, land in the first Society near Dwelling house Joseph Newton, bounded west on highway, north on Samue

Newton, east on heirs of Ephraim Strong, south on John Dibble.

Vol. 8, p. 335. 18 Dec. 1807. Calvin Addams, Martha Addams and Sarah Stilson of Verona, County of Oneida, State of New York, for \$10.00, to Samuel Newton, all right in land bounded west on highway, north on aforesaid Newton, east on heirs of Ephraim Strong Esq., south on John Dibble Esq. Witnesses: DAVID STILSON, MARY STILSON. There is no acknowledgment of the deed entered; recorded 4 Apr. 1808.

Vol. 9, p. 329. 12 May 1809. Benoni Stilson of Meriden, New Haven Co., Conn., for \$5.00, to Samuel Newton, land in First Society near Dwelling House of Joseph Newton, bounded west on Highway, north on Samuel Newton, east on heirs of Ephraim Strong, south on John Dibble.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

It has been shown that Amos Stilson married Sarah Clinton, and that she was given land in Woodbridge by her father; that Amos Stilson sold his half-acre homestead in Woodbridge in 1785 and bought in Watertown in 1786; that his wife died in Watertown in 1787 and that he sold his homestead there in 1790. Between 1795 and 1809, seven heirs (Rebecca, Stephen, David, Elias, Martha, Sarah and Benoni) sold their interest in ten acres in Woodbridge. Samuel Newton owned adjoining land and apparently bought the interest of the heirs as they came of age. The last and youngest of these was Benoni. This was the name given in the Bible by Jacob to his son at the death of his wife Rachel, and meant "child of my sorrow." It was therefore often given by Bible-readers to a son born at his mother's death. If Benoni was born in Nov. 1787 when his mother died, he was about 21 years and 6 months old when he gave his deed in May 1809. Benoni could not have been born 1798 (as the History of Warren Co., Pa. states).

The land was never distributed to the heirs, and

no probate action taken on Sarah Stilson's estate. Therefore each heir conveyed an undivided interest in the whole ten acres. Some of them specified that the interest came by heirship from the mother Sarah "of Watertown deceased"--David Stilson was among these. Others merely described the property, but a study of the description in each deed proves that the same piece of land was involved. No stronger proof of parentage can be desired or required than the inheritance of real property; the fact that Samuel Newton, who had lived next door to the Amos Stilson family while they were in Woodbridge (and certainly nearly all the children must have been born in Woodbridge) was willing to pay cash to each of these heirs for their interest in the realty is sufficient proof that they were all the children of Amos Stilson and Sarah Clinton. The amount paid was not specified in each deed, but from a couple of the deeds it appears that Samuel Newton paid three of the heirs \$5.00 apiece; that would mean a price of around \$35.00 for the ten acres of unimproved land--and perhaps not the most desirable type of land--in a country village, or \$3.50 an acre. In that period, during the Napoleonic wars, the country was not very prosperous; dollars were hard to earn, but the purchasing power of a dollar was much greater than today.

It will be noted that David Stilson, in addition to his own deed, witnessed together with Mary Stilson the deed given in 1807 by two of his sisters in Verona, N.Y. The Mary who witnessed with him was doubtless his wife. The places of residence shown for David and his brothers and sisters will suggest where research can be made if further detail is desired.--Jacobus

It is evident from the foregoing that there must have been a very intimate relationship between the families of Samuel Newton and Amos Stilson for as we have seen, Samuel had given to Amos a piece of land "tho it is said in said deed to have been for the consideration of twenty shillings."

The purchase of the land by Samuel Newton from the heirs of Sarah as each became of age is still furthe

proof of some interest more deeply rooted than the desire to acquire the land which lay adjacent to his own. He must have held some interest and affection for the children of his friend, Amos Stilson. It is interesting to note also that the father of William Earl Stilson, mentioned in the foreword of these notes, bore the name of David Newton. May it not be that this name descended from Samuel Newton of Woodbridge?

RELATIONSHIP OF MARGARET CLINTON, WIFE OF JOSEPH IV 1
AND SARAH CLINTON, WIFE OF AMOS IV 8

LAWRENCE CLINTON (1) b. 1642; d. after 1707--He had
three wives

He married 1st, Dec. 1665, Rachel Haffield,
who was born 1629 and died 1692. She divorced
him in 1681.

He married 2nd, prior to the divorce, Feb. 9,
1680 in Providence, R.I. Mary Woodin, Daughter
of John Woodin. She was born Mar. 6, 1653
and died Feb. 1690-91.

He married 3rd, Margaret Painter, daughter of
Shubael and Mercy (Lamberton) Painter.

The 5th and 6th children are the only ones of
interest to your lines.

5. SHUBAEL CLINTON birth date not given--but d.
1756; m. ELIZABETH--unknown and by her had

MARGARET CLINTON b. 1728, baptized, May 7, 1734;
m. Nov. 20, 1749 JOSEPH STILSON (IV 1)
She d. Dec. 12, 1806

6. THOMAS CLINTON birth date not given, but both
sons are apparently by 3rd wife, died 1761.
He married Hope Downs in 1718, and had

LAWRENCE CLINTON b. about 1723; m. ABIGAIL
NORTHROP

Therefore MARGARET and LAWRENCE were 1st
cousins

LAWRENCE and ABIGAIL (NORTHROP) had a daughter
SARAH, born 1747; m. AMOS STILSON
Aug. 12, 1772

Therefore SARAH and MARGARET were 2nd cousins

The foregoing information was submitted by Mrs.
Sherman, genealogist, Western Reserve Historical Society
Source of information, "Families of Ancient New Haven,"
Vol. I, p. 423.

Lt.		∇ 1. <u>Rebeckah Stilson</u>	<i>Living in Waterbury, Conn.</i>
D		B. 1774?	<i>in 1795.</i>
Ma		Woodbridge, Conn.	
		∇ 2. <u>Stephen Stilson</u>	<i>Living in Stephen town, County</i>
		B. 1776?	<i>of Albany, State of New York</i>
		Woodbridge, Conn.	<i>in 1795.</i>
		∇ 3. <u>David Stilson</u>	<i>Living in Stephentown, County</i>
		B. Feb. 20, 1779	<i>of Ranslor, State of New York.</i>
		Woodbridge, Conn.	<i>in 1800. Sugar Grove, Warren</i>
		D. June 7, 1852	<i>County, Penna. 1814.</i>
		∇ 4. <u>Elias Stilson</u>	<i>Living in Woodbridge,</i>
		B. 1780?	<i>New Haven County, Conn.</i>
		Woodbridge, Conn.	<i>in 1808.</i>
Law		∇ 5. <u>Martha Stilson</u>	<i>Name given as Addams having</i>
B.		B. 1783?	<i>married Calvin Addams and</i>
D.		Woodbridge, Conn.	<i>was living in Verona, County of</i>
Mar			<i>Oneida, State of New York in 1807.</i>
Ebe		∇ 6. <u>Sarah Stilson</u>	<i>Living in Verona, County of</i>
B.		B. 1785?	<i>Oneida, State of New York</i>
M.		Woodbridge or	<i>in 1807.</i>
D.		Watertown, Conn.	
Ma		∇ 7. <u>Benoni Stilson</u>	<i>Living in Meriden, New Haven</i>
Wid		B. Nov. 25, 1787	<i>County, Conn. in 1809.</i>
Sar		Watertown, Conn.	
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Children of Amos IV 8 and Sarah and their ancestry

Lt. Vincent Stilson I

D. May 13, 1690
Mary ?

Hugh Stilson II 6

D. Mar. 4, 1727/8

Joseph Stilson III 3

B. June 18, 1704
D. Before 1768

Amos Stilson IV 8

B. Apr. 13, 1743
M. Aug. 12, 1772

Martha Fenn

D. Shortly after 1721

James Brisco

M. June 1, 1699

Mary Brisco

B. Mar. 8, 1701
D. Aug. 2, 1754

Elizabeth Adams

Lawrence Clinton

B. 1642 M. 1665
D. After 1707
Margaret Painter

Thomas Clinton

M. Aug. 7, 1718
D. 1761

Lawrence Clinton

B. 1723
M. May 10, 1746
Was married second
time to Sarah Tryal.

Sarah Clinton

B. Aug. 10, 1747 at Milford, Conn.
D. Nov. 25, 1787 at Watertown
Conn. upon birth of Benoni.

Ebenezer Downs

B. Apr. 3, 1667
M. Nov. 28, 1694
D. Mar. 20, 1711

Hope Downs

B. Mar. 11, 1698
D. 1729

Mary Humphreyville

Widow of Thomas Mallory

Samuel Northrop

B. Oct. 26, 1651
Sarah ?

Sargt. Samuel Northrop

B. June 5, 1687 Milford, Conn.
M. Feb. 25, 1714

Abigail Northrop

B. July 21, 1723 at
Milford, Conn.

Sarah Andrews

V. 1. Rebeckah Stilson Living in Waterbury, Conn.

B. 1774?
Woodbridge, Conn. in 1795.

V. 2. Stephen Stilson Living in Stephen town, County

B. 1776?
Woodbridge, Conn. of Albany, State of New York
in 1795.

V. 3. David Stilson Living in Stephentown, County

B. Feb. 20, 1779
Woodbridge, Conn. of Ranslor, State of New York.
D. June 7, 1852 in 1800. Sugar Grove, Warren
County, Penna. 1814.

V. 4. Elias Stilson Living in Woodbridge,

B. 1780?
Woodbridge, Conn. New Haven County, Conn.
in 1808.

V. 5. Martha Stilson Name given as Addams having

B. 1783?
Woodbridge, Conn. married Calvin Addams and
was living in Verona, County of
Oneida, State of New York in 1807.

V. 6. Sarah Stilson Living in Verona, County of

B. 1785?
Woodbridge or Oneida, State of New York
Watertown, Conn. in 1807.

V. 7. Benoni Stilson Living in Meriden, New Haven

B. Nov. 25, 1787
Watertown, Conn. County, Conn. in 1809.

CHILDREN OF AMOS STILSON IV 8
AND SARAH (CLINTON)
(son of Joseph III 3)

In the pages immediately following all available information on this group will be given in the following order:

STEPHEN V 2

ELIAS V 4

MARTHA V 5

SARAH V 6

BENONI V 7

DAVID V 3

There is no information available on

REBECKAH V 1



The 'First Congregational Church, or
"Brainerd Meeting House."

In 1810 Verona, New York, was known as Hands Village. Some wanted to build the church there while other favored Blackmans Corners. A compromise was finally made and it was built half a mile west of Blackmans Corners. It was finished in the summer of 1814 and the last record of a Society Meeting in it was Nov. 14th 1842.

This sketch was made from description furnished by the elder people and is not supposed to be correct in every detail, as the description of some parts was furnished by one and some by another. See History of the First Presbyterian Church and Society of Verona, N. Y. Copy in the Western Reserve Historical Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

Calvin Adams and his wife Martha (V 5) Stilson Adams attended this church. Calvin was a trustee. It is possible that Stephen (V 2) and Elias (V 4) may have attended here also but it may be that they moved into Western New York and Pennsylvania before it was erected.

In a historical play, given at Verona, New York on Sept. 11, 1938 upon the occasion of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church (First Christian Society in the Town of Verona) Calvin Adams and Stephen Stillson (note spelling) were impersonated in Act I. The Place--Blackmans Corners. The Time Aug. 7th, 1803.

STEPHEN V 2

[son of Amos IV 8 and Sarah (Clinton)]

In a small volume known as "A History of the First Presbyterian Church and Society of Verona, N. Y." published in 1900, which history covers a period from 1803 to 1900, the following may be noted on page 8: "On the 5th day of August 1803 Rev. Peter Fish and Rev. Timothy M. Cooley, missionaries, one a Presbyterian and the other a Congregationalist, met with a number of professing Christians to take the preliminary steps for the formation of a Christian Church".... On pages 9-10: "Two days later a Christian Church was solemnly organized consisting of the following members, twenty-two in number:"....

Among those mentioned may be found the names of Stephen Stilson and Calvin Adams.

From this it may be concluded that Stephen had moved from Stephentown, N.Y. where he was listed in 1795 to Verona, N.Y. by Aug. 7th 1803. He is later listed in Sugar Grove, Penna. See "History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, page XCI, Brief Personals." Date of birth is estimated to have been 1776. No other information.

ELIAS V 4

[son of Amos IV 8 and Sarah (Clinton)]

Again referring to the "History of the First Presbyterian Church and Society of Verona, N.Y." It will be noted on page 18 that Elias Stilson, along with Calvin Addams mentioned above served the Society as trustee. From previous records it has been shown that he was residing in Woodbridge, Conn. in 1808. Under a list of communicants given on page 25 of the Church History above mentioned may be noted the following:

STILSON

ELIAS

MATILDA (wife)

1. PAMELIA

In the "History of Warren County, Penna., page XCI, Brief Personals," Elias is listed in Sugar Grove, Penna. along with Stephen, David and Benoni his brothers. The date of his birth is estimated to have been 1780. No other information.

On page 34 of the "History of the First Presbyterian Church and Society of Verona, N.Y.," mention is made of one Ebenezer Stilson who united with the church during the time that Rev. E. M. Spencer was pastor. This was about 1832-4. It would be futile to attempt to place Ebenezer in the line of descendants without further research but he may have been a son of either Stephen or Elias.

MARTHA V 5

[daughter of Amos IV 8 and Sarah (Clinton)]

From previous records it has been shown that Calvin Addams married Martha Stilson. Again referring to the "History of the First Presbyterian Church and Society of Verona, N.Y." page 10, and as noted above, Calvin Addams was one of its original founders and proves that he and Martha were residents of Verona, N.Y. in Aug. 1803. On page 18 of the same volume Calvin is mentioned as having served the Society as trustee. On page 21 of the same volume, listing the communicants, note the following:

ADAMS...

CALVIN

PATTY (this was MARTHA, wife of CALVIN)

1. GIDEON
2. RHODA
3. HORACE
4. SALLY
5. REBKAH
6. ELIZA
7. SARAH

Further information might be available through Adams line.

SARAH V 6

[daughter of Amos IV 8 and Sarah (Clinton)]

It has been shown that Sarah was living in Verona, Oneida County, New York on Dec. 18, 1807 along with her sister Martha and her brother-in-law Calvin Adams. She may have married and lived in Verona the remainder of her life. There is no record. The date of her birth is supposed to have been about 1785.

The following excerpt from a letter from Mr. B. Dodge of Verona, N.Y., under date of Feb. 23, 1939 is of interest:

"About 50 years ago a man by the name of Frank Stillson lived about 3 miles from us on the road to Rome and not too far from 'The Brainerd Church.' Beside his family I think he had two maiden aunts older than himself living in a part of his house. These are all dead and think probable were buried in either the Churchville or Verona Mills Cemeteries. I believe they were connected with the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Churchville. They were a highly respected family." No further information.

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BENONI V 7

[son of Amos IV 8 and Sarah (Clinton)]

More information is available on the life of Benoni than on the lives of his brothers, Stephen and Elias. The writer is informed that one of his descendants made a vigorous effort to obtain authentic information on the family history but was unable to complete the chain.

Benoni was born Nov. 25, 1787 in Watertown, Conn. His mother Sarah died when he was born. He was living in Meriden, New Haven County, Connecticut, in 1809. He settled in Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania in 1820 (see "History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, Brief Personalities," pages XC and XCI). His wife's name was Hannah Brown who

was born in New Hampshire. They were married and died in Jamestown, N.Y.

CHILDREN OF BENONI V 7
AND HANNAH (BROWN)
(son of Amos IV 8)

The following information on the descendants of Benoni and Hannah was submitted by a grandson, D. Earl Stilson, R.F.D. No. 1, Box 240, El Cajon, California.

- VI 1. JANE b. 1832
- VI 2. MARY ANN b. 1833
- VI 3. GEORGE W. b. 1835; d. 1925--no children
- VI 4. AMOS CLINTON b. 1837
- VI 5. HENRY H. b. 1839--no children
- VI 6. ELIAS B. b. 1842; d. 1931

JANE VI 1

[daughter of Benoni V 7 and Hannah (Brown)]

Jane married (?) Brown and following is a list of their children:

- VII 1. JENNIE M. BROWN b. 1868
- VII 2. LORENZO BROWN

MARY ANN VI 2

[daughter of Benoni V 7 and Hannah (Brown)]

Mary Ann married (?) Hale and following is a list of their children:

- VII 1. ALFRED E. HALE b. 1859; d. 1931
- VII 2. GEORGE F. HALE b. 1863
- VII 3. HERBERT C. HALE b. 1869

AMOS CLINTON VI 4

[son of Benoni V 7 and Hannah (Brown)]

The following is taken from the "History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, Brief Personals," pages XC and XCI.

"Stilson, Amos C., Sugar Grove, carpenter and contract builder, was born in Jamestown, N.Y., in 1837. He was the son of Benoni and Hannah Brown Stilson. Benoni was born in Connecticut in 1798, and settled in Sugar Grove about 1820; his wife was born in New Hampshire; they were married and died in Jamestown, N.Y. Amos C. Stilson settled in Sugar Grove borough in 1871, as a carpenter and builder, and many of the best buildings therein show his artistic work. He formed a partnership with W. A. Bush, and purchased the steam planing, sawing and carpenter supply factory in 1885, where they have machinery to do fine building work. Mr. Stilson married Adelia Robertson of Crawford County, in 1860. She was born on Oct. 15, 1839. She was the daughter of George and Rhoda Luce Robertson. The former was born in 1801 and died in 1869; the latter was born in 1807 and died in 1870. They were married Oct. 16, 1825, and had four children--Mary E., Martha L., John R. and Adelia."

The date of Benoni's birth as given in the foregoing is incorrect. Amos C. (VI 4) had one child:

VII 1. RALPH ERNEST b. 1865; d. 1930

A letter from Mrs. Gertrude Stilson, 52 Sherman St., Bradford, Penna., addressed to Eirene Gregg Turner states the following:

I happen to be Ralph Ernest Stilson's (VII 1) second wife and he died Aug. 3, 1930. Born 1865. His father's name was Amos Clinton Stilson. Ralph Ernest has two daughters by his first marriage.

VIII 1. MRS. AMY BISSET A widow; resides--Texas

VIII 2. MRS. MARGRETTA SPARKS Resides, 120 Clarence St., Bradford, Penna.

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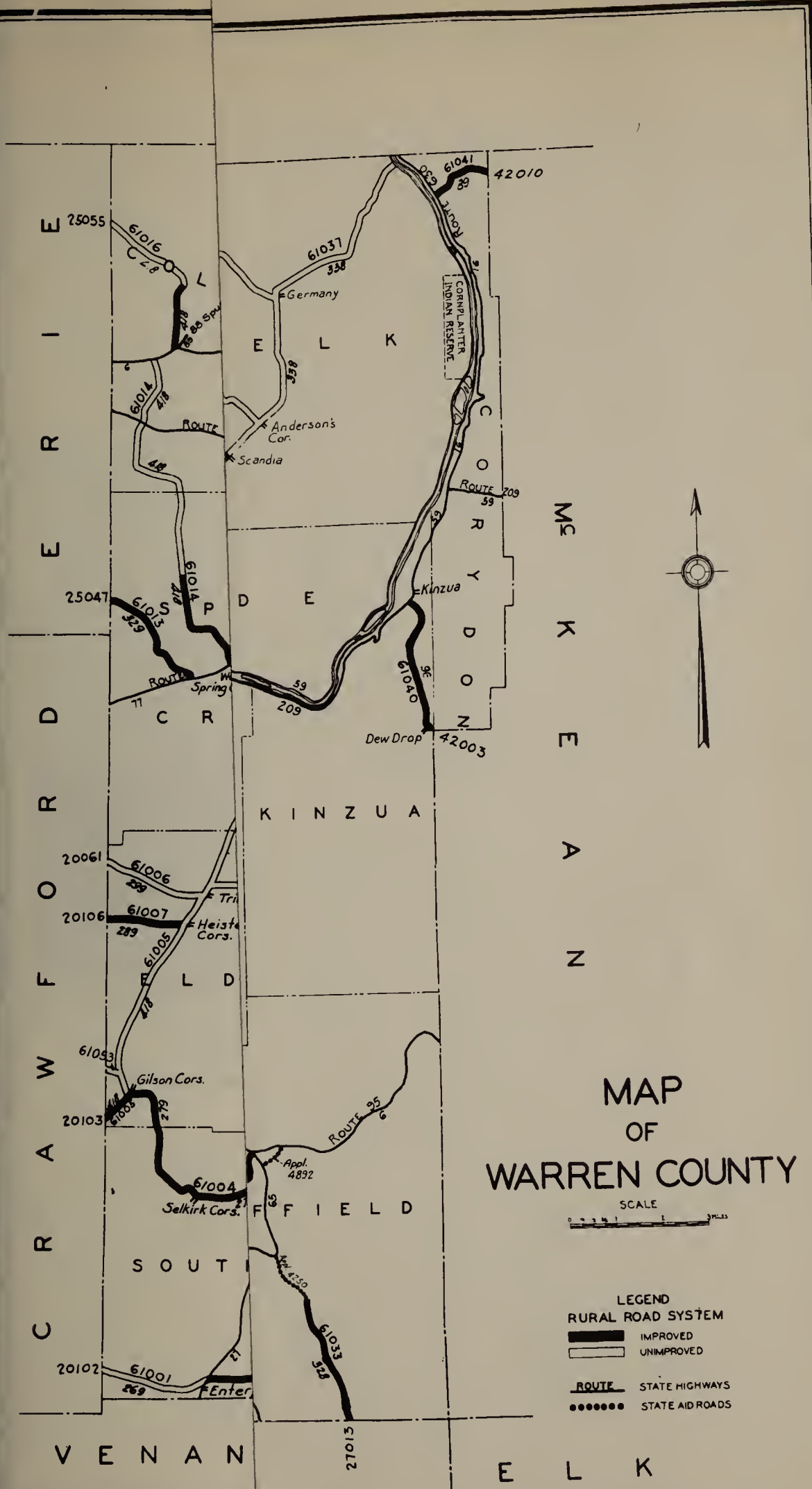
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DAVID STILSON V 3
AND MARY (BURROUGH)
(son of Amos IV 8)



STILSON HILL, SUGAR GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA
Photograph by the author in July, 1938

David Stilson was the third child of Amos and Sarah Stilson and he was born in Woodbridge, Connecticut Feb. 20, 1779. When the family moved from Woodbridge to Watertown, Connecticut, he was seven years of age and eight years of age when his mother died.

Little is known of him from the age of eleven when his father sold the home in Watertown (in 1790) until he was twenty-one, which was in the year 1800. From the record it may be seen that on October 20th of that year he was living in Stephentown, in the County of Ranslar, in the State of New York, and that he "personally appeared and acknowledged in Woodbridge" a deed to Samuel Newton for "land which came to me by heirship from my mother Sarah Stilson late of Watertown, Deceased

Again referring to the record it may be noted that on December 18th 1807, Calvin Addams, Martha Addams and Sarah Stilson of Verona, County of Oneida, State of New York, deeded to "Samuel Newton all right in land"---referred to above and that the witnesses were David Stilson and Mary Stilson.

In this it is shown that David's sister Martha who was then about twenty-four years of age had married Calvin Addams. David's sister Sarah who was then about twenty-two, together with Calvin and Martha gave the deed to Samuel Newton. The Mary Stilson mentioned as a witness to this deed was undoubtedly David's wife, for as will be seen later her name before her marriage was Mary Burrough. She was born April 15, 1784 and died Feb. 26, 1840.

Undoubtedly David and Mary were married by the year 1805 when David was about twenty-six years of age. In fact some members of the family now living think that he was married by 1804.

Although Calvin and Martha Addams and Sarah Stilson were living in Verona, County of Oneida, State of New York in 1807, it is not true that David also resided there, for as will be shown subsequently David and Mary

lived in Westmoreland in the same County. It may be presumed also that if Amos, father of David, was living at this time he was making his home in Verona as his daughter Sarah was still unmarried.

NEW SOURCES OF INFORMATION

In tracing the life of David and Mary Stilson from this point it will be necessary to leave the records which have been discovered in Woodbridge, Connecticut and which have proved to be of such great value and seek other sources of information.

On page 425 of the History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, edited by Schenck and Rand 1887, may be found the following:

"David Stilson came to Sugar Grove from Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York (whence many of the early settlers of this town emigrated), in March, 1814, and settled on what has ever since been known as Stilson Hill, in the southwest part of the town. He brought his wife and five children with him, and was obliged to cut his way through the woods. Four children were born to him after his arrival in Sugar Grove. His descendants are still numerous here. He carried on his farm successfully until the time of his death, June 6, 1852, when he had almost reached his seventy-fourth year of life."

On the same page may be noted the following:

"By this time (about 1818) the county began to display here and there the traces of advancing civilization. The empire of nature showed symptoms of yielding to the dominion of the rude arts of the woodsman. There were three or four families in Sugar Grove village, a few settlers in the beech woods between Sugar Grove and Pine Grove, besides the men already mentioned and a few others. After the passage of the Act of 1792 to induce the settlement of pioneers in Western Pennsylvania and the subsidence of the Indian difficulties in 1795, immigration turned its tide in this direction. As already

noticed, a number of the settlers came to this county by the way of the Susquehanna River and Pittsburg. During the years 1815-16 about thirty families came from Oneida County, New York and settled principally in Pine Grove, Freehold and Sugar Grove. Among those who settled in this town were David Stilson, Richard B. Miller, John Tuttle, Joseph Langdon and Henry Catlin."

On page 429 of this volume may be noted:

"Between the years 1810 or 1812 and 1820 quite a number of settlers moved away from this part of the country, probably discouraged by the extreme and unprofitable hardships of pioneer life. But new forces were continually arriving, etc."

On page 431 may be noted:

"At this period about 1820 the roads in this part of the country were in a rough unfinished condition mere bridle-paths. The face of the country was still covered for the most part with thick forests."

Mrs. Myrtle Stockton, now living in Hollywood, California, and a granddaughter of David Stilson (V 3) describes the trip through from Oneida County, N.Y. (as it was related to her by her aunt Betsy, daughter of David V 3, who was about eight years old when the trip was made) as a tedious, extremely hazardous and perilous journey, the trip through from Buffalo, N.Y., being made with a yoke of oxen and what was then known as a stone-boat, which was a sort of sled. The first house built on Stilson Hill was a log cabin.

The Sheffield Observer, Aug. 19, 1926, Records of Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna., gives the following:

"David Stilson Sr. Born 1785 (date of birth 1. correct) died 1852, age 74 in Sugar Grove, Warren Co., Pa.

He was born in Conn.

He married Mary Burrough; d. Feb. 25, 1840.

Removed to Sugar Grove in 1814.

Had 3 bro named Elias, Stephen and Benoni; b. 1798" (date of birth incorrect).

Again quoting from "The History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, page XCI-Brief Personals":

"David Stilson, Sr., came from New Haven, Conn., and settled in Sugar Grove in 1814. He had a family of five sons and four daughters, two sons and two daughters now living--Harry H., David, Betsey and Polly Hazeltine. David Sr. died June 6, 1852, and his wife died Feb. 25, 1840. David Stilson, Sr., had three brothers who settled with him--Elias, Stephen, and Benoni."

Mention of Elias, Stephen and Benoni in the foregoing as the brothers of David definitely establishes them as children of Amos IV 8 and Sarah Stilson of New Haven (Woodbridge) Connecticut.

On pages 140-141 of the "History of Warren County, Pennsylvania" it may be noted that David Stilson, Sr., was listed as a tax payer in Brokenstraw Township in 1816. There were 256 tax payers, exactly the same as in 1808. Some had gone further west but new names appeared on the list to replace them.

On page 439 of the "History of Warren County, Pennsylvania," may be noted:

"The first regularly organized church in Sugar Grove was the Presbyterian; it was founded in 1821. David Stilson, Sr., was one of the original members of this church.

In 1838 the Presbyterian church split up into two organizations, one remaining Presbyterian and the

other forming the Congregational church. Among the Congregationalists were David and Mrs. Stilson, Betsey Stilson, Polly Stilson (afterward Mrs. Hardin Hazeltine)."

It seems almost impossible to determine the manner in which David Stilson acquired the farm on the hill which was forever to bear his name. It may be that he received a grant from some land owners or from the government, or it may be that he acquired it by direct purchase. There is a story to the effect that he purchased it from a Revolutionary War Veteran who had received it from the government in payment for military service. (see Addenda F)

Mr. W. J. Dunn, who now lives with his daughter Mrs. Wm. L. Walters, Lakewood, Ohio, was born in 1858 on a farm within a short distance of the Stilson homestead on Stilson Hill and spent a large share of his life there. He feels certain that the original David Stilson farm contained about 300 acres, 150 acres on each side of the road. He says that he is under the impression that the church in the valley was built in 1865 and that the schoolhouse is between 80 and 100 years old.

Mr. William Sheldon now living on a farm on Stilson Hill adjacent to the original David Stilson farm says that his father knew David and had some real estate transactions with him. Mr. Sheldon believes that the original Stilson Hill farm contained about 200 acres. He is under the impression that the church in the valley below Stilson Hill was built 100 years ago. Mr. Sheldon says that David Stilson sold 50 acres of his farm to Jonathan Sheldon (his grandfather) who came from Vermont.

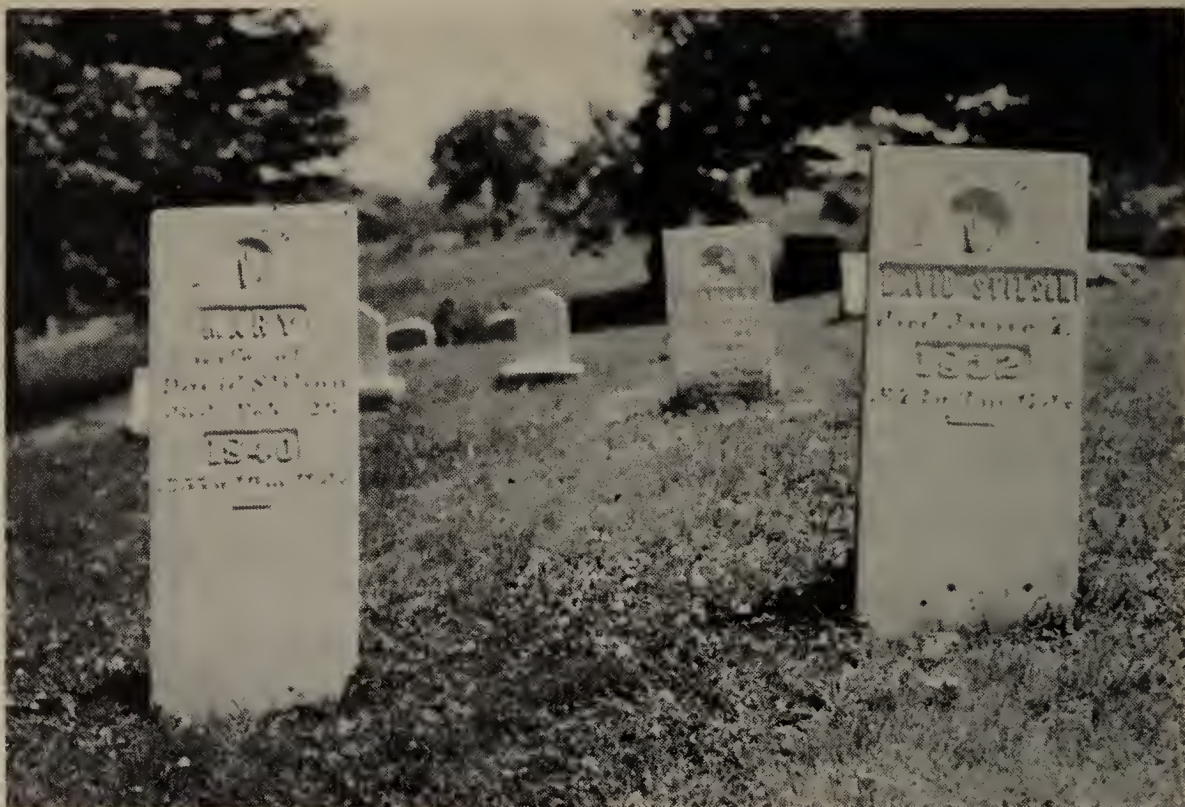
The following is a list of deeds showing real estate conveyances by David Stilson.

(Furnished by Eirene Gregg Turner.)

- Deed: David Stilson, Sr., to William E. Stilson
May 19, 1852.
Deeds--Warren (Pa.) Court House, P-597
- Deed: David Stilson, Sr., to Betsy Stilson, (date of
deed not given).
Recorded, Apr. 13, 1860.
Deeds--Warren Court House, R-368
- Deed: David Stilson to Anson Stilson, Nov. 4, 1851
Recorded Jan. 28, 1864
Deeds--Warren Court House, T-709
- Deed: David Stilson, Sr., to David Stilson, Jr.,
March 1, 1852
Deeds--Warren Court House, W-715
- Deed: David Stilson to Jonathan Sheldon
(Jonathan Sheldon 1821-1911)

Very little is known of David's wife Mary other than the date of her birth and death. It is hoped that some trace of her ancestry and early life in time may be revealed.

When David and Mary established their home on Stilson Hill in 1814 they doubtless had many trying and difficult obstacles to overcome. It must have required great courage and fortitude for such an undertaking. They were imbued with the pioneer spirit and the will to conquer. They lived in a simple God-fearing way and knew the meaning of toil. They founded what might be considered a large branch of the Stilson family, for as the excerpt from the History of Warren County states, their descendants are numerous. The 1850 Census of Sugar Creek Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania, lists David Stilson as 71 years of age and possessing a farm valued at \$2000.00 and gives his place of birth as Connecticut. In that day and time that probably represented property of considerable value.



Graves of David Stilson and Mary (Burrough) Stilson in
Stilson Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania
Photograph by the author in July, 1938

CHILDREN OF DAVID STILSON V 3
AND MARY (BURROUGH)
(son of Amos IV 8)

VI 1. CATHERINE

VI 2. BETSEY

VI 3. POLLY

VI 4. ANSON

VI 5. AMOS

VI 6. WILLIAM EDWARD

VI 7. FRANK OR NANCY

VI 8. HARRY

VI 9. DAVID

In the pages immediately following all available information on this group will be given in the following order:

CATHERINE, BETSEY, POLLY, AMOS, FRANK or NANCY, HARRY, ANSON, WILLIAM, DAVID.

The Sheffield Observer of August 19, 1926 Records of Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, lists the following children of David and Mary Stilson:

ANSON

FRANK

HARRY H.--living 1887

WILLIAM b. 1819; d. 1884, married Deborah Page
(son Amos Clinton b. 1850)

BETSEY HUDSON

POLLY HAZELTINE she was born 1811 (son Amos
Clinton)

NANCY

DAVID, Jr. b. 1827; d. 1901, married Margaret
Page, b. 1834; d. 1900.

In previous records it has been shown that the family of David and Mary consisted of nine children, five of whom were born previous to their arrival at Sugar Grove in 1814, and four after they had settled on Stilson Hill. The list given above and the order in which they are given is not correct, as recent research has shown. It is possible that the entire group of nine children may never be placed in their correct order. There should be added to the above the names of Catherine and Amos. No record can be obtained of Frank or Nancy (mentioned above) and it is possible their names were erroneously included.

CATHERINE VI 1

[daughter of David V 3 and Mary (Burrough)]

There is little to show that Catherine was the first child of David V3 and Mary Stilson, but in a collection of family portraits which has come down to me from my father there is a very quaint old-fashioned tintype which has the following inscription on the back of it: Catherine Bennet, father's (William Edward) oldest sister. Extensive research has failed to disclose any further information about her.

CHILDREN OF CATHERINE VI 1
AND (?) BENNET
(daughter of David V 3)

The 1850 Census of Warren County, Sugar Creek Township, Pennsylvania (taken from the records in Washington, D. C.) lists a Catherine Bennet, b. 1837 and living with David Stilson (V 3). There is no proof but one might surmise that this child who was then thirteen years old was the daughter of David's (V 3) oldest daughter Catherine and was for some reason living with her grandfather at the time the census was taken. No further information is available.

BETSEY VI 2
[daughter of David V 3 and Mary (Burrough)]

The 1850 Census of Sugar Creek Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania (taken from the records in Washington, D.C.) previously mentioned, lists a Betsey Stilson, age 40, living with David Stilson age 71. This would set the year of her birth at 1810 and would lead one to believe that she was the second child of David and Mary. It also lists the place of her birth as New York which further proves her to be one of the children born previous to their arrival at Sugar Grove.

The Court House Records of Warren Co., Pennsylvania gives the following:

"Betsey Stilson, b. Westmoreland, N.Y.; d. Feb. 26, 1898, Sugar Grove, Pa., age 90 years, 4 mo. burial: Mar. 1, 1898, Stilson Hill, Pa. Cause of death, old age.

The History of Warren County, Pa., published in 1887 refers to Betsey as still living. It may be computed from the above Court Records that Betsey was born Oct. 26, 1807. Accepting this as the correct date of her birth it may be assumed that her father David (V 3) and her mother Mary were married as early as the year 1804 or 1805.

In the collection of portraits previously mentioned, which has come down to me from a family album belonging to my father are many which may be identified by inscriptions on the back. In this group may be seen one that bears this inscription "James and Betsey Hudson Amos Clinton Stillson's father's sister and husband." If this be correct it must be true that Betsey Stilson married James Hudson some time after 1850 or possibly after 1852 when her father David died.

There is a tombstone in Stilson Hill Cemetery which bears this inscription:

JAMES HUDSON
DIED
July 24, 1876
AGE 64 YEARS

Betsey lies beside James in Stilson Hill Cemetery, but there is no marker at her grave. After the death of James Hudson, her first husband, Betsey married Joseph Warhurst. There were no children.

The following notation of Sheriffs' Sale appeared in a Warren, Pennsylvania newspaper:

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Warren County, and to me directed, there will be sold at the Court House in Warren Borough, Warren County, Pennsylvania, on Monday, September 5th, 1938 at two o'clock p.m.

Also, all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Sugar Grove Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania, being the Farm lately of Joseph Warhurst, now deceased on Stilson Hill, bounded and described as follows to-wit:containing 75 acres of land, be the same more or less, and being the same land conveyed by Gust Young, by the Sheriff, to O. Peterson, by deed dated March 1, 1897, and recorded in Minute Book No. 6, at page 161.

POLLY VI 3

[daughter of David V 3 and Mary (Burrough)]

It may be noted that The Sheffield Observer gives the date of Polly's birth as 1811 and that the History of Warren County, Penna. (page XLI) states that she was the daughter of David and Mary Stilson who settled on Stilson Hill in 1814 and was still living in 1887. Her tombstone in Stilson Hill Cemetery bears the dates of 1809-1888. Accepting this to be correct she must have been the third child of David V 3 and Mary. She married Hardin Hazeltine in 1835. They had nine children, the youngest, David D. is still living at Columbus, Penna. He spent most of his life in the lumber business (see History of Warren Co., Penna., p. XLI). Hazeltine is sometimes spelled Hazelton.

The following data on the husband of Polly were taken from The Hazeltine Genealogy, pages 145-6 and 176- and from the History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, page XLI in Brief Sketches:

HARDIN HAZELTINE⁷, Daniel⁶, Rev. Sol.-Abner⁵, Abner⁴, John³, Sam'l², John¹
Born in Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 1810, son of Daniel Hazeltine and Susannah Jones of Milford, Mass.; m. 1835, Polly Stilson, b. 1811, dau. of David and Mary (Burrough) Stilson.

Tombstone of Hardin Hazeltine in Stilson Hill cemetery bears the date of 1810-1882.

CHILDREN OF POLLY VI 3
AND HARDIN HAZELTINE
(daughter of David V 3)

The Hazeltine Genealogy pages 145-6, 176-7 contains the following data on the children of Polly Stilson and Hardin Hazeltine:

- VII 1. MARY HAZELTINE b. Mar. 31, 1835; d.---1882; m.
Lafayette Cole
- VII 2. SOPHRONIA HAZELTINE b. Sept. 21, 1836; d.---188
m. Henry J. Woodin
- VII 3. PARDON HAZELTINE b. Apr. 19, 1838; m. Julia Ann
Phillips
- VII 4. BETSEY NEOMA HAZELTINE b. Sept. 29, 1840; m.
Jared F. Bartlett
- VII 5. AMOS CLINTON HAZELTINE b. Oct. 29, 1842; d. Apr
17, 1923; m. Keturah Hankin
- VII 6. SUSAN N. HAZELTINE b. Feb. 25, 1845; m. Robt. D
McDougal
- VII 7. ABNER B. HAZELTINE b. June 1, 1847; d.---1917;
m. M. J. Eames
- VII 8. ALMENA J. HAZELTINE b. Aug. 19, 1849; d. Apr.
23, 1930; m. De Forest Duprey (or Dupree)
- VII 9. DAVID D. HAZELTINE b. Oct. 11, 1851; m. Emma F.
Abbott, 1881

Obviously a work of this nature must be limited in its scope and it is not the intention of the author to carry out all descending lines.

For further information on the descendants of Polly VI 3 and Hardin Hazeltine consult the following:

"Hazeltine Genealogy"

"Genealogical Sketches of Robert and John Hazelton" compiled by Dr. Wm. B. Lapham. Published by F. H. Hazelton, Portland, Me., 1892. In possession of Lewis M. Hazeltine, Connewango Ave. Ext., Warren, Penna.

"Early History of Ellicott," Chautauqua Co., N. Y. by Gilbert W. Hazeltine, M.D. Published by Journal Printing Co., Jamestown, N.Y., 1887.

In possession of Eirene Gregg Turner, Kane, Penna.

AMOS C. VI 5

[son of David V 3 and Mary (Burrough)]

The Sheffield Observer does not mention Amos as a child of David (V 3). There is a tombstone in Stilson

Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Pa., standing very near to the stones of David V 3 and his wife Mary which reads as follows: "Amos C. Stilson, M.D. Died Mar. 15, 1840, age 26 yr., 6 mo., 12 days." Mrs. Myrtle Stockton, granddaughter of David V 3 and niece of Amos C. mentioned above says that he studied medicine under Dr. Salisbury of Cory, Penna. and died of typhoid fever when about to begin practice. His date of birth can be computed to have been Sept. 3, 1813. Mrs. Stockton definitely identifies Amos (Clinton?) as her father's brother.

FRANK OR NANCY VI 7 (?)

The Sheffield Observer lists a Frank and Nancy. There is no information available at present on these children. Their names may have been erroneously included, yet one or the other may have been the seventh child of David V 3 and Mary. Further research may disclose their date of birth and place in the line.

HARRY H. VI 8

[son of David V 3 and Mary (Burrough)]

The Sheffield Observer mentions Harry H., living in 1887. The 1850 Census lists a Henry Stilson age 27 which places his date of birth as 1823. This is undoubtedly the Harry H. referred to in the Sheffield Observer. It lists his place of birth as Pennsylvania and that he was a farmer. It is thought that he was never married. His grave is in Sugar Grove Cemetery beside that of his brother David VI 9.

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ANSON STILSON VI 4
[son of David V 3 and Mary (Burrough)]

It has been exceedingly difficult to obtain reliable and authentic information concerning Anson VI 4 and his descendants. There are few records available and, as some of this line moved into the west many years ago, the data herein given may need additions and correction. A large part of this information was obtained and submitted by Eirene Gregg Turner, genealogist of Kane, Pennsylvania.

The Sheffield Observer under date of Aug. 19, 1926, Records of Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna., lists Anson as a son of David and Mary (Burroughs) Stilson. The 1850 Census of Warren County, Penna., lists Anson Stilson as a farmer, age 38, states that his place of birth was New York State, and that his farm was valued at \$800.00. His wife's name is given as Miretta age 30 and place of birth New York State. Records taken from the family bible of Anson Stilson, in possession of Mrs. Merton L. Wentz, Ames, Kansas, granddaughter of Anson are as follows: Anson Stilson, born Nov. 19, 1811 m. Sept. 24, 1837 Miretta Gray, b. May 22, 1815. Anson d. May 12, 1874 at Halfrock, Mercer County, Missouri. Miretta d. Jan. 5, 1887 at St. Paul, Minnesota. Anson was next to the last child born before his father David moved into western Pennsylvania and his birth place was probably Oneida, New York.

It is quite certain that Anson and Miretta spent most of their lives in the vicinity of Stilson Hill, Pennsylvania, and that they were engaged in farming. Mr. William Sheldon now living on a farm near Stilson Hill says that Anson once leased a farm from his father with an option to buy. Mrs. William Sheldon states that the first meeting of the Stilson Hill Cemetery Association was held in 1853 and that Anson Stilson was one of the trustees at that time.

CHILDREN OF ANSON VI 4
AND MIRETTA (GRAY)
(son of David V 3)

Source of information Anson Stilson's bible in possession of Mrs. Merton L. Wentz, Ames, Kansas. Copied by daughter Carol Wentz June 15, 1939. Other information given by Merton L. Wentz. Also 1850 Census of Warren County, Pennsylvania. (Washington, D.C. Records)

Born in Pennsylvania

- VII 1. EMMA EMELIA b. Dec. 22, 1838; m. Sept 13, 1854
Henry Pilling
- VII 2. EMELINE b. May 18, 1840; d. June 5, 1886 at

Halfrock, Mercer Co., Missouri; m. Hilary
Wentz; d. July 15, 1892 at Clyde, Kan.

- II 3. FRANKLIN A. b. Jan. 23, 1842; d. Concordia, Kan.;
m. Mary Kenyon
II 4. HESTER E. b. Nov. 10, 1843
II 5. GILMAN G. b. Sept. 17, 1845
II 6. NANCY b. May 9, 1850
II 7. IRENA b. Apr. 28, 1851 or 1857 can not make out
date

There is some evidence that there was another
child.

- II 8. ELIZABETH This is confirmed by David Hazeltine
VII 8 and Bessie (Stilson) Duvall VIII 1

EMMA EMELIA VII 1

[daughter of Anson VI 4 and Miretta (Gray)]

Information given by Fred D. Bowers. Box 447,
Lungsville, Penna.

Born Dec. 22, 1838 in Hazeltine Hollow, Warren
Co., Penna.; d. May 1, 1906, is buried in Cherry Grove
Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna. She married Sept. 13,
1854, Henry Pilling, son of Richard Pilling. Henry was
born Feb. 18, 1826, in Berry, England, and d. Sept. 3,
1907. Burial, Cherry Grove Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna.

The following picture was submitted to the au-
thor by Mrs. Charles M. Lake IX 4 with the following no-
tation: "So far as I know I am the only one who has a
picture of Emma Emelia Stilson Pilling, my grandmother.
This is a little picture taken in a room of the old
home with her husband Henry Pilling."



EMMA EMELIA (STILSON) PILLING AND HENRY PILLING

CHILDREN OF EMMA EMELIA VII 1
AND HENRY PILLING
(daughter of Anson VI 4)

Born in Hazeltine Hollow, Penna.

Tombstone record in Stilson Hill Cemetery is as follows:

Infant daughter: d. July 22, 1855

Infant son: d. May 4, 1852 (must be error, probably 1857)

Children of Henry and E. E. Pilling.

VIII 1. INFANT DAUGHTER

VIII 2. INFANT SON

VIII 3. EDMUND PILLING b. 1858

VIII 4. VIOLA PILLING b. 1861

VIII 5. SARAH MARETTA PILLING b. 1868

VIII 6. ETTA PILLING b. 1874

VIII 7. ELLEN PEARL (NELLIE) PILLING b. 1876

EDMUND PILLING VIII 3

(Son of Emma Emelia VII 1 and Henry Pilling)

Information given in September 1938 by his son, Henry A. Pilling, and his daughter, Mrs. Charles M. Lake.

Edmund Pilling, b. Sept. 30, 1858, Sugar Grove Township, Penna. resides with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Lake (IX 4) 432 Baldwin St., Meadville, Penna., and with his son, Henry Pilling (IX 7) Hazeltine Hollow, Warren Co., Penna. His wife, Jennie Lamper, daughter of Moses Lamper and (?) Smith was b. 1864; d. 1936 (cemetery record) is buried in Stilson Hill Cemetery, Warren Co., Penna. They were married Dec. 26, 1880. Mr. Pilling is a retired farmer.

CHILDREN OF EDMUND PILLING VIII 3

AND JENNIE (LAMPER)

(son of Emma Emelia VII 1)

- IX 1. FRED PILLING b. Apr. 25, 1882
- IX 2. GLEN PILLING b. Apr. 8, 1884
- IX 3. ELMER PILLING b. Jan. 23, 1886
- IX 4. EDITH MAE PILLING b. June 9, 1891
- IX 5. NELLIE PILLING b. Sept. 14, 1895
- IX 6. IRENA PILLING b. Mar. 26, 1902
- IX 7. HENRY A. PILLING b. Oct. 10, 1905

FRED PILLING IX 1

[son of Edmund Pilling VIII 3 and Jennie (Lamper)]

Born in Matthews Run, Penna. Apr. 25, 1882 and m. Susan Ward. They reside in Hazeltine Hollow, Penna.

GLENN PILLING IX 2

[son of Edmund Pilling VIII 3 and Jennie (Lamper)]

Born in Matthews Run, Penna. Apr. 8, 1884 and m. Mary Morrison Nov. 2, 1908. They reside in Pittsfield, Penna. They have one daughter.

ELMER PILLING IX 3

[son of Edmund Pilling VIII 3 and Jennie (Lamper)]

Born in Matthews Run, Penna. Jan. 23, 1886 and
m. Hettie Strawbridge, Nov. 28, 1912. They reside in
Phillipsburg, Penna.

EDITH MAE PILLING IX 4

[daughter of Edmund Pilling VIII 3 and Jennie (Lamper)]

, Born in Matthews Run, Penna. June 9, 1891 and
m. Charles Magnus Lake, June 11, 1908, at Youngsville,
Penna. Mr. Lake was born July 21, 1883 in Freehold
Township, Warren Co., Penna. and is a textile mechanic.
His father's name was John Magnus Lake and his mother's
name was Louisa C. Anderson. They reside at 432 Baldwin
St., Meadville, Penna.

CHILDREN OF EDITH MAE PILLING IX 4

AND CHARLES MAGNUS LAKE

(daughter of Edmund Pilling VIII 3)

- X 1. MARIAN LOUISE LAKE b. Oct. 12, 1909; m. Dana C.
Dahl, Oct., 1929
- X 2. ETHELYN MAE LAKE b. Aug. 31, 1913
- X 3. HELEN VIOLA LAKE b. Mar. 1, 1916; m. Harold Beals,
Sept. 26, 1934
- X 4. JOHN EDMUND LAKE b. Feb. 24, 1920

CHILDREN OF MARIAN LOUISE LAKE X 1

AND DANA C. DAHL

[daughter of Edith Mae (Pilling) Lake IX 4]

- XI 1. DANA CHARLES DAHL b. Apr. 29, 1932
- XI 2. RICHARD DAHL b. Feb. 14, 1934

NELLIE PILLING IX 5

[daughter of Edmund Pilling VIII 3 and Jennie (Lamper)]

Born in Matthews Run, Penna. Sept. 14, 1895 and
m. James Durlin May 20, 1916. They reside in Wrightsville

Penna. Mr. Durlin, b. Nov. 16, 1895 in Pittsfield, Penna., is son of Maor Durlin and Minniebell Cole. He is a cabinet maker.

CHILDREN OF NELLIE PILLING IX 5
AND JAMES DURLIN
(daughter of Edmund Pilling VIII 3)

Information given by Mrs. James Durlin, Pittsfield, Penna. in Nov. 1938.

- X 1. DOROTHY IRENA DURLIN b. Apr. 22, 1917; m. Howard Hopkins, June 4, 1937
- X 2. KENNETH ALTON DURLIN b. Sept. 30, 1919
- X 3. DONNA DURLIN b. Jan. 18, 1921
- X 4. NORMA MAE DURLIN
and } twins b. Jan. 21, 1923
- X 5. NAOMI MAXINE DURLIN }
- X 6. ROBERT EDMUND DURLIN b. Mar. 19, 1925
- X 7. ALBERTA BESSIE DURLIN b. July 2, 1927
- X 8. ARBUTUS EMOGEAN DURLIN b. Mar. 24, 1928
- X 9. LAVERN ERNEST DURLIN b. Aug. 6, 1931
- X 10. RONALD ELMER DURLIN b. Jan. 21, 1933

IRENA PILLING IX 6
[daughter of Edmund Pilling VIII 3 and Jennie (Lamper)]

Born in Matthews Run, Penna. Mar. 26, 1902, and m. Daniel M. Groves Aug. 25, 1920. She was burned to death Sept. 1934. Burial: Lottsville, Penna. They lived in Lottsville, Penna.

CHILDREN OF IRENA PILLING IX 6
AND DANIEL M. GROVES
(daughter of Edmund Pilling VIII 3)

- X 1. DANIEL EDMUND GROVES b. Dec. 12, 1921
- X 2. BETTY JANE GROVES b. Aug. 17, 1924
- X 3. LILLIAN MAE GROVES b. June 19, 1926
- X 4. WILLIAM EUGENE GROVES b. Oct. 6, 1927

- X 5. ROBERT HAROLD GROVES b. July 25, 1929. This child died
- X 6. RAYMOND HENRY GROVES b. Feb. 2, 1931
- X 7. JAMES LOGAN GROVES b. Feb. 22, 1933

HENRY PILLING IX 7

[son of Edmund Pilling VIII 3 and Jennie (Lamper)]

Born in Matthews Run, Penna. Oct. 10, 1905. Occupation, house painter. Resides in Hazeltine Hollow, Penna.; m. Oct. 17, 1934 Violet W. Strickland, b. July 23, 1916 at Murry Hill, Warren Co., Penna.

CHILDREN OF HENRY PILLING IX 7
AND VIOLET W. (STRICKLAND)
(son of Edmund Pilling VIII 3)

- X 1. HENRY EUGENE PILLING b. Aug. 5, 1935, Hazeltine Hollow, Penna.
- X 2. ROBERT ARNOLD PILLING b. Nov. 26, 1937, Hazeltine Hollow, Penna.

VIOLA PILLING VIII 4

(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1 and Henry Pilling)

Born Apr. 22, 1861 in Sugar Grove Township, Penna. and d. Sept. 1934 in Warren Hospital. Burial: Blockville, New York. M. Jan. 16, 1877 Rev. D. M. Carpenter who resides in California. His father's name was Reuben Carpenter and his mother's name was (?) Smith.

CHILDREN OF VIOLA PILLING VIII 4
AND REV. D. M. CARPENTER
(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1)

- IX 1. CLYDE CARPENTER Resides in Meadville, Penna.
- IX 2. ROLLIN CARPENTER Resides in California

SARAH MARETTA PILLING VIII 5

(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1 and Henry Pilling)

Information given by Fred D. Bowers, P.O. Box 447, Youngsville, Penna.

Born Sept. 5, 1868 in Hazeltine Hollow, Warren Co., Penna.; d. Apr. 20, 1926, Hazeltine Hollow, Penna. Burial: Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna.; m. Sept. 1884, Fred D. Bowers (son of Daniel Bowers and Maria Sweet). Daniel Bowers was an early settler of Sheffield, Penna., owned the hotel at Sheffield; lumber, real estate. Maria Sweet was a resident of Warren Co. and was Daniel's second wife. Fred D. Bowers was b. Oct. 25, 1866 in Missouri. Resides Youngsville, Penna.

CHILDREN OF SARAH MARETTA PILLING VIII 5

AND FRED D. BOWERS

(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1)

- IX 1. RICHARD WAYNE BOWERS b. Mar. 23, 1890, Hazeltine Hollow, Penna. Resides Meadville, Penna.
IX 2. DANIEL EVERETT BOWERS b. about 1903, Hazeltine Hollow, Penna. Resides same.
IX 3. IRA EUGENE BOWERS b. about 1911, Hazeltine Hollow, Penna. Resides Meadville, Penna.

Newspaper clipping under date of Nov. 25, 1938 is as follows:

ENTERTAINED

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bowers were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bowers, son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bowers, son and daughter, of Meadville; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bowers, son and daughter, of Sugar Grove.

ETTA PILLING VIII 6

(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1 and Henry Pilling)

Born May 19, 1874 in Sugar Grove Township, Warren Co., Penna.; m. 1st. Theodore Caswell (deceased).

CHILDREN OF ETTA PILLING VIII 6
AND THEODORE CASWELL
(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1)

IX 1. DONALD CASWELL Resides in Meadville, Penna.

CHILDREN OF ETTA PILLING VIII 6
AND LEE O'NAN (m. 2nd)
(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1)

IX 2. MARION O'NAN
IX 3. WILLIAM O'NAN
IX 4. EDWARD O'NAN

ELLEN PEARL (NELLIE) PILLING VIII 7
(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1 and Henry Pilling)

Born Feb. 1, 1876, Sugar Grove Township, Warren Co., Penna.; d. Sept. 1938, Rixford, McKean Co., Penna., at home of her daughter, Mrs. Edmunds (IX 2). Burial: Rixford, Penna.; m. William C. Jamieson from whom she was divorced.

CHILDREN OF ELLEN PEARL PILLING VIII 7
AND WILLIAM C. JAMIESON
(daughter of Emma Emelia VII 1)

IX 1. HAROLD JAMIESON Resides Rixford, Penna.
IX 2. MABLE (JAMIESON) EDMUNDS m. Earl Edmunds; resides Rixford, Penna.

CHILDREN OF EMELINE VII 2
AND HILARY WENTZ
(daughter of Anson VI 4)

VIII 1. ERNEST WENTZ b. Jan. 20, 1867; d. Feb. 4, 1899 at Clyde, Kan.; not married.
VIII 2. MERTON L. WENTZ b. Oct. 5, 1869 in Mercer Co., Penna.; m. at Ames, Kan. Oct. 17, 1900 Jennie

M. Uglow. She was b. July 29, 1875 in Washington Co., Kan.

VIII 3. LETTIE LEONA WENTZ b. July 10, 1873; m. Mar. 10, 1891 Nelson Mack at Clyde, Kan. He d. Oct. 14, 1934 at Osborne, Kan. She d. Oct. 10, 1936 at Clay Center, Kan.

VIII 4. LAVERN WENTZ b. July 16, 1875 at Halfrock, Mo.; d. Oct. 11, 1878 same.

VIII 5. BERTHA MIRETTA WENTZ b. Dec. 25, 1880 at Halfrock, Mo.; m. Will Sweet 1902, div.; m. John Terrel abt. 1908, California.

CHILDREN OF MERTON L. WENTZ VIII 2
AND JENNIE M. (UGLOW)
(son of Emeline VII 2)

IX 1. WILMA EMELINE WENTZ b. Nov. 30, 1902 at Ames, Kan.; m. June 5, 1928 John Egger. He was b. Oct. 12, 1899 at Trego Co., Kan. They have one child.

X 1. MARILYN CAROL EGGER b. Apr. 15, 1933 at Hays, Kan.

IX 2. BERNICE LUCILLE WENTZ b. June 5, 1905 at Ames, Kan.; m. Nov. 2, 1930 Jerry Delforge. He was b. Mar. 12, 1904 at Rice, Kan. They have one child.

X 1. GARY DON DELFORGE b. Jan. 2, 1938 at Manhattan, Kan.

IX 3. FRANCES LAVURN WENTZ b. Nov. 20, 1907 at Ames, Kan.; m. June 3, 1934 Marion Edgar Miller, b. Oct. 22, 1908 in Indiana. They have one child.

X 1. BARBARA LEE MILLER b. Mar. 15, 1937 at Chanute, Kan.

IX 4. FERN ULDEEN WENTZ b. Sept. 12, 1910 at Ames, Kan.

IX 5. HILARY JOHN WENTZ b. Aug. 2, 1913 at Ames, Kan.

IX 6. CAROL ATHENE WENTZ b. Apr. 14, 1917 at Ames, Kan.

CHILDREN OF LETTIE LEONA WENTZ VIII 3
AND NELSON MACK
(daughter of Emeline VII 2)

IX 1. ERNEST MACK b. Nov. 25, 1891 at Ames, Kan.; m.
Feb. 14, 1915 Ruby Graham, Osborne, Kan.

IX 2. MAUDE MACK b. Mar. 10, 1893; m. Dec. 29, 1915
J. S. Remington. They had one child.

X 1. MILDRED REMINGTON b. Nov. 29, 1918; d. Apr.
4, 1934

IX 3. RALPH MACK b. Jan. 7, 1896 at Ames, Kan.; m. Sept
4, 1919 Clara Zimmerman, Osborne, Kan. They
have one child.

X 1. LEILA MACK b. Mar. 4, 1921, Osborn, Kan.

IX 4. LORA MACK b. Oct. 6, 1897 at Ames, Kan.; m. Dec.
23, 1921, Ralph Wilson. They have two chil-
dren.

X 1. EMERY WILSON b. Jan. 10, 1930

X 2. INA WILSON b. Sept. 15, 1934

IX 5. INA MACK b. Sept. 18, 1899 at Ames, Kan.; m. May
28, 1921 D. Brown Pickens. She d. Sept. 25,
1932 at Concordia, Kan. They had one child.

X 1. CARROL FRANCIS PICKENS b. Sept. 23, 1932

IX 6. EDITH MACK b. Nov. 7, 1902 at Ames, Kan.; m. Feb.
24, 1929 John Steiner. They have one child.

X 1. ANN MARIE STEINER b. Mar. 28, 1938

IX 7. VERLE MACK b. Aug. 20, 1904 at Ames, Kan.; m.
Sept. 24, 1937 in California

IX 8. VADA MACK b. Sept. 27, 1911; m. Mar. 16, 1935
Marvin Melgren

CHILDREN OF BERTHA MIRETTA WENTZ VIII 5
AND WILL SWEET
(daughter of Emeline VII 2)

- IX 1. RAYMOND SWEET b. at Ames, Kan.; married
IX 2. MYRTLE SWEET b.-----; married.

CHILDREN OF BERTHA MIRETTA WENTZ VIII 5
AND JOHN TERREL (m. 2nd)
(daughter of Emeline VII 2)

- IX 3. RUTH TERREL }
IX 4. RUBY TERREL } twins b. 1910 at Rice, Kan.; married.
Both live in California.
IX 5. DONALD TERREL b. ----- Rice, Kan.

FRANKLIN A STILSON VII 3
[son of Anson VI 4 and Miretta (Gray)]

The following incomplete information was compiled from a letter from Dr. W. J. Stilson (VIII 2, son of Franklin A. VII 3) to Bessie (Stilson) Duvall (VIII 1) under date of Mar. 10, 1924, copy in possession of the author, and from records submitted by Mrs. Merton L. Wentz.

The 1850 Census of Warren County, Pennsylvania, lists Franklin A. as the 3rd child of Anson and Miretta Stilson, and gives his date of birth as 1842. The History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, Page 213, notes that: "Franklin Stilson was a private of the One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Company D. Discharged May 29, 1865 for wounds received at Peach Tree Creek." It seems probable that this was the third child of Anson VI 4. In the letter mentioned above Dr. Stilson refers to his father, Franklin A. as the son of Anson Stilson. Franklin A. was b. Jan. 23, 1842 and m. Mary Kenyon.

CHILDREN OF FRANKLIN A. STILSON VII 3
 AND MARY KENYON
 (son of Anson VI 4)

- VIII 1. A BOY d. young.
 VIII 2. DR. WILLIAM J. b. -----; m. Etna Sorrel, div.;
 m. 2nd --- div. Local Surgeon A.T. and S.F.R.R.
 at Garden City, Kan.; d. at Lawrence, Kan.
 VIII 3. INA L. b. -----; m. Prof. Daniel H. Spencer of
 Kansas State Univ. Mathematics. Resides
 Lawrence, Kan. They have two children.

IX 1. EDWIN SPENCER
 IX 2. MARY SPENCER

- VIII 4. ELDORA b.-----; m. at Concordia, Kan., Fred
 McCulluck. Resides at Topeka, Kan. They have
 two children.

IX 1. ELDORA McCULLUCK
 IX 2. THELMA McCULLUCK

- VIII 5. CLESSON b.-----; m. Fannie Martin; d. at Con-
 cordia, Kan. They had the following children

IX 1. -----
 IX 2. ----- twins d. at Concordia, Kan.
 IX 3. GLADYS b. at Concordia, Kan. Now teach-
 ing in hospital in New Jersey.
 IX 4. RALPH
 IX 5. ERMA d. at Concordia, Kan.
 IX 6. CLARA m. lives in Oklahoma
 IX 7. EVELYN m. Marvin Brummet. Has two chil-
 dren.
 IX 8. RUTH m. lives in Topeka, Kan.
 IX 9. DORIS m. lives in Topeka, Kan.
 IX 10. EVERET Killed in navy, Pensacola, Fla.

HESTER E. VII 4
 [daughter of Anson VI 4 and Miretta (Gray)]

The 1850 Census of Warren County, Penna., notes
 that Hester E. was the 4th child of Anson and Miretta

Stilson, b. Nov. 10, 1843. No further information.

GILMAN G. VII 5

[son of Anson VI 4 and Miretta (Gray)]

The 1850 Census of Warren County, Penna. lists Gilman G. as the 5th child of Anson and Miretta Stilson b. Sept. 17, 1845. In Dr. W. J. Stilson's letter, previously mentioned, there is a statement to the effect that Gilman went to Minnesota to live. Dr. Stilson's letter also states that Gilman's mother (Miretta) was with him when she died. He never married.

NANCY VII 6

[daughter of Anson VI 4 and Miretta (Gray)]

A tombstone in Stilson Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna., bears the following inscription:

NANCY STILSON
DAUGHTER OF
ANSON AND MIRETTA
STILSON

Died Mar. 4, 1859
Age 8 years, 9 mo., 24 da.

IRENA VII 7

[daughter of Anson VI 4 and Miretta (Gray)]

David Hazeltine (VII 8) says that "Anson had a daughter whose name was Irena." Bessie (Stilson) Duvall (VIII 1) states in one of her letters that "Anson had two sons, Gilman and Frank A., and four girls. Irena was about 15 years when they left Sugar Grove. Don't know the others' names, but one married a Page, one a Pilling and one a Wentz." One source of information is to the effect that Irena married William Baker and that they lived in Minnesota.

ELIZABETH VII 8

[daughter of Anson VI 4 and Miretta (Gray)]

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1. Nancy A. Page 2. Thomas Page [Mar. Elizabeth Stilson VII 8
Unconfirmed] 3. Ditton Page 4. Richard Page 5. Susanna Page

Joh
O
E
De
1. Mary Jane Durlin [Holmes] 2. Thomas Durlin
3. Christopher Durlin [2 and 3 in Civil War]

1. Margaret Cordelia Holmes 2. Fidelia Deborah Holmes
3. Richard Holmes. 4. Nancy Holmes.

1. Eleanor [Nellie] Patton. 2. John M. Patton.

1. Florence Eliza Gregg [Black] 2. Adelbert E. Gregg
3. Alice May Gregg

1. Mary Ann Page [Mead] 2. Nancy Delphina Page [Younie]
3. Dr. Martin Wesley Page 4. Evaline Estella Page
5. Adda Lewella Page [Pabody]

VII. 1. David Newton Stilson. VII. 2. Amos Clinton Stilson
3. Nancy Ann Stilson [Horton]

1. William Page Gilliland 2. Frank L. Gilliland
3. Samuel De Forest Gilliland.

No Children

R
1. Ernest Page 2. Ambrose Page
3. William L. Page 4. Anna Page

Eli
1. Sears Page 2. Frank Page
3. Vern Page

VII. 1. Thomas Perry Stilson. VII. 2. Alice A. Stilson [Middleton]
VII. 3. Frank Adelbert Stilson VII. 4. Myrtle Estelle Stilson
[Stockton]

ELIZABETH VII 8

[daughter of Anson VI 4 and Miretta (Gray)]

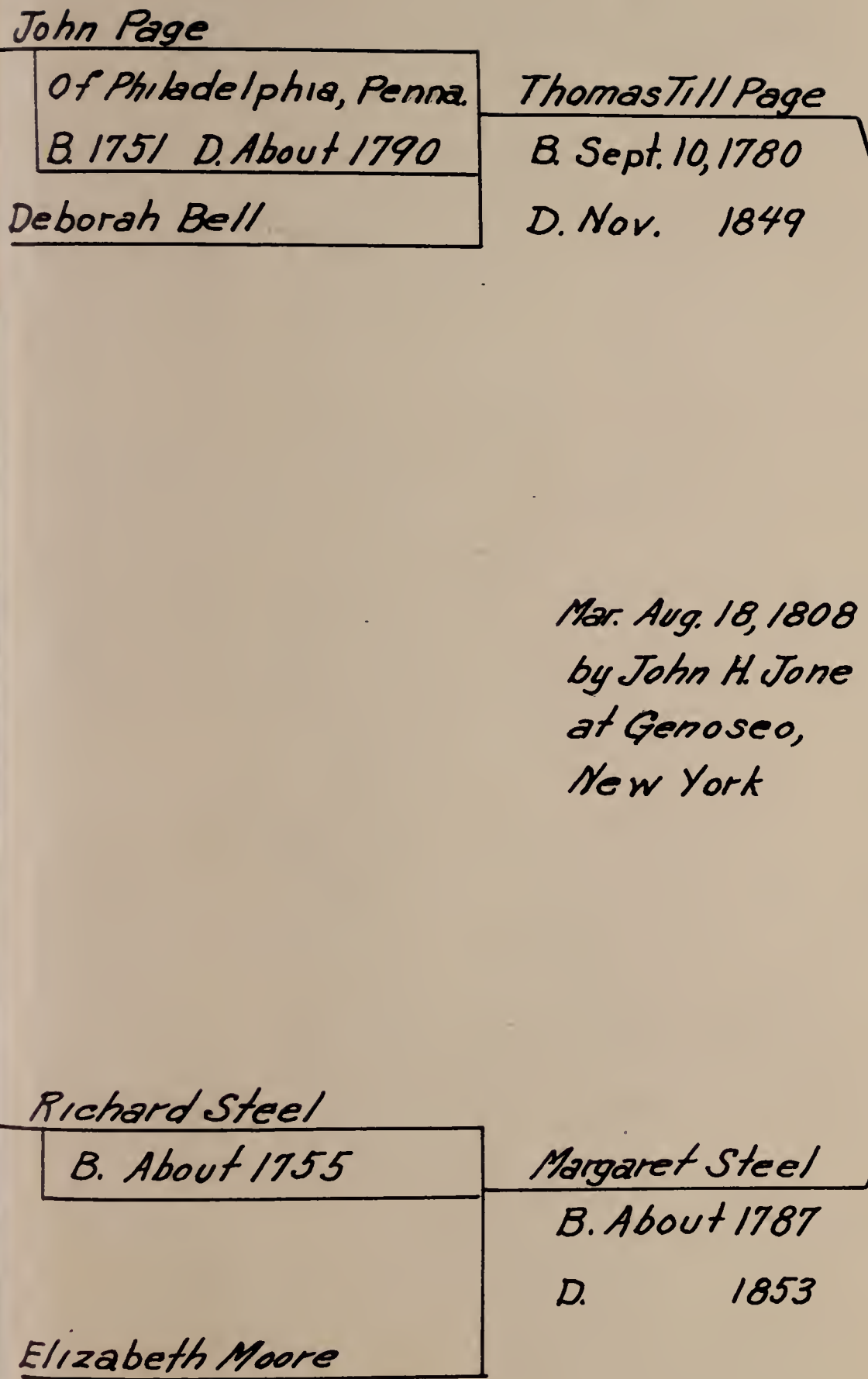
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2. Mary Ann Page B. Jan. 22, 1812	Mar. 1st. J. L. Durlin Mar. 2nd. John Holmes B. Aug. 4, 1803 D. Oct. 1865	1. Mary Jane Durlin [Holmes] 2. Thomas Durlin 3. Christopher Durlin [2 and 3 in Civil War]
3. Eliza Steel Page B. Mar. 4, 1815 D. Sept. 8, 1862	Mar. 1st. Robert Patton Mar. 2nd. Sept. 1, 1853 David Gregg B. Nov. 13, 1806 D. June 14, 1889	1. Margaret Cordelia Holmes 2. Fidelia Deborah Holmes 3. Richard Holmes. 4. Nancy Holmes. 1. Eleanor [Nellie] Patton. 2. John M. Patton. 1. Florence Eliza Gregg [Black] 2. Adelbert E. Gregg 3. Alice May Gregg
4. Richard Steel Page B. Apr. 24, 1817 D. Mar. 24, 1893	Mar. Mary Adaline Holmes B. May 2, 1830 D. Jan. 24, 1914	1. Mary Ann Page [Mead] 2. Nancy Delphina Page [Younie] 3. Dr. Martin Wesley Page 4. Evaline Estella Page 5. Adda Lewella Page [Pabody]
5. Deborah M ^c . Nair Page B. Sept. 30, 1819 D. Apr. 19, 1892	Mar. William Edward Stilson VI 6 B. Feb. 9, 1819 D. Sept. 8, 1884	VII. 1. David Newton Stilson. VIII. 2. Amos Clinton Stillson 3. Nancy Ann Stilson [Horton]
6. Nancy Watts Page B. Sept. 8, 1821	Mar. Samuel Gilliland D. Mar. 1865	1. William Page Gilliland 2. Frank L. Gilliland 3. Samuel De Forest Gilliland.
7. John M. Page B. Nov. 2, 1823 Co. F 112 N.Y. Reg. in C. War.	Mar. Emily Burroughs	No Children
8. Thomas Tillard Page B. Sept. 13, 1825 D. Dec. 21, 1887	Mar. 1st. Mercy Fry B. July 3, 1835 D. Mar. 23, 1881 Mar. 2nd. Hattie (?)	1. Ernest Page 2. Ambrose Page 3. William L. Page 4. Anna Page
9. William M ^c . Nair Page B. Jan. 10, 1828	Mar. Eliza M ^c . Dowell	1. Sears Page 2. Frank Page 3. Vern Page
10. Margaret Jane Page B. July 31, 1834 D. Jan. 14, 1900	Mar. David Stilson VI 9 B. Aug. 9, 1827 D. May 29, 1901	VII. 1. Thomas Perry Stilson. VIII. 2. Alice A. Stilson [Middleton] VIII. 3. Frank Adelbert Stilson VIII. 4. Myrtle Estelle Stilson [Stockton]

Included because of intermarriage of Page and Stilson families
Information submitted by - Addy Pabody, Mayville, N.Y. and Fred Marvin, 934 W. 10th St. Erie, Penna.

WILLIAM EDWARD STILSON VI 6
son of David V3 and Mary (Burrough)



This portrait of William Edward and Deborah (Page) Stilson has been in the author's possession for many years. It was originally in an old family album owned by Nancy Ann (Stilson) Horton. It was probably taken about 1880 or possibly a few years earlier.

The Sheffield Observer, under date of August 19 1926, Records of Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, lists William Edward (b. 1819, d. 1884) as the son of David and Mary (Burrough) Stilson. It also states that he married Deborah Page. (See Chart of Page Genealogy.)

The 1850 Census of Warren County, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C., Records) lists William Stilson as a farmer, age 30, and his wife Deborah, age 29, and states that both William and Deborah were born in Pennsylvania. His farm was valued at \$600.00.

Little is known of William and Deborah other than that their lives were spent in farming on Stilson Hill. They were active in the church and community life of the vicinity. Mr. William J. Dunn (b. 1859 on Stilson Hill) who has a wide acquaintance in that locality and who knew William and Deborah intimately, and who spent a great deal of time in their home in years gone by, says that they were a highly respected and kindly people.

The cemetery record of Stilson Hill Cemetery gives the following: William Edward Stilson, b. Feb. 9, 1819; d. Sept. 8, 1884; Deborah Stilson, b. Sept. 30, 1819; d. Apr. 19, 1892.



The graves of William Edward VI 6 and Deborah (Page) Stilson in Stilson Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. (Rounded stones) The square top stone in the foreground and immediately to the left of that of William Edward marks the grave of Amos C. Stilson, M.D. VI 5, brother of William Edward. The square stones behind and to the left of that of William Edward mark the graves of David V 3 and Mary (Burrough) Stilson, father and mother of William Edward. Photograph was taken by the author in July 1938.



The old homestead on Stilson Hill. This house, according to Mr. William J. Dunn, who was born on Stilson Hill in 1859, and who has spent most of his life there, was probably built before 1840. It is thought that William Edward VI 6 and his family moved into it about 1854. It was not the birthplace of David Newton, Amos and Nancy, children of William Edward VI 6. They were born in a small house which stood across the road from the Stilson Hill Cemetery. Photograph was taken by Mr. Wheeler W. Brush in 1905.



The old homestead on Stilson Hill as it appeared in July 1938. Photograph by the author.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM EDWARD VI 6
AND DEBORAH (PAGE)
(son of David V 3)

Born on Stilson Hill, Warren County, Pennsylvania.

- VII 1. DAVID NEWTON b. Nov. 15, 1845
VII 2. AMOS CLINTON b. Oct. 20, 1850
VII 3. NANCY ANN b. May 22, 1853

DAVID NEWTON VII 1
(son of William Edward VI 6)

Information submitted by Earl Newton IX 2, grandson of David Newton VII 1.

David Newton was the eldest of the three children, David Newton, Nancy Ann and Amos Clinton, born to William Edward and Deborah Page Stilson. David Newton, called throughout life by his middle name, was born at Stilson Hill, Warren County, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 15, 1845.

His education was cut short in his sixteenth year when serious illness compelled him to withdraw from school and to learn a trade which would keep him out of doors. During the remainder of his youth he helped his father on the farm and learned carpentry. In 1869 he married Elizabeth Kay, daughter of William Kay and Mary Hilton Kay, neighbors on Stilson Hill who had come there from Oldham, England, in 1848, when Elizabeth was three years old.

Newton and Elizabeth Stilson established their first home on a part of the old Stilson homestead across from the Stilson Hill burial ground and church. In 1870 their son, William Earl, was born. The next six years were a struggle. Neither the baby nor his mother was well and Newton Stilson, though a hard and willing worker, was himself not strong physically, and farming on Stilson Hill was for the healthiest a hard way to earn a living. In 1876 Newton Stilson moved his family to Sugar Grove, Warren County, Pennsylvania, where he

bought a home on West Main Street. Here it was hoped the son would find better educational opportunities than were afforded by the country school on the Hill, and it was also hoped that Newton Stilson might find work that would be more remunerative and better suited to his physical strength.

Newton Stilson's first employment in Sugar Grove was in a saw and grist mill owned by William H. Haggerty. On the side he did some carpentry work in the village. In 1887, with money saved during these years, he bought out one of the local grocery stores and this business he maintained until ill health towards the close of his life forced him to retire. In 1899 the Stilsons moved into a house on the Lakewood road and here, on June 27, 1901, Newton Stilson died. Elizabeth Kay Stilson survived him for nearly ten years and died at the home of her son at Richmond Hill, Long Island, New York, on May 16, 1910. Newton Stilson and his wife are buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery.

During his life Newton Stilson had the satisfaction of seeing his son, William Earl, educated and married. His first grandson was born in Sugar Grove just six months before his death. Newton Stilson lived life well. He was known and has been remembered by the country community of which he was a member, as a good citizen, interested in civic matters, and as a man honorable friendly and generous in his relations with others.

E.N.S.

The 1850 Census of Warren County, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C., Records) lists David Newton Stilson as living with his parents, and gives his age as four years. The Warren County Court House Records give his date of death as June 27, 1901, age 55 y., 7 m., 12 da. Burial June 29, 1901, Sugar Grove, Penna. Cause of death: heart disease.

Register of Wills: No. 3180 (P. 366) Warren, Pennsylvania Court House. Estate of D. N. Stilson: D. N. Stilson died intestate. Letters of administration

granted to Elizabeth Stilson, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and one child, Earl Stilson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1904.

CHILD OF DAVID NEWTON VII 1
AND ELIZABETH (KAY)
(son of William Edward VI 6)

VIII 1. WILLIAM EARL b. May 15, 1870

The following biographical sketch was submitted by his son Earl Newton IX 2.

William Earl, the only son of David Newton and Elizabeth Kay Stilson, was born at the home of his Grandfather Kay, "the old red house," at Stilson Hill, Warren County, Pennsylvania, on May 15, 1870. His early home on Stilson Hill stood across the road from the old cemetery and church and was on a farm which had originally been part of the David Stilson(V 3) farm.

In 1876 William Earl's father and mother sold the farm and moved into Sugar Grove, Warren County, Penna. They purchased a home on West Main Street and William Earl's father found employment in a local grist and saw mill. That same year the son enrolled in the Union School. After his graduation he was sent to the Sugar Grove Seminary, a private upper school, operated under the auspices of the United Brethern Church, which gave what was roughly equivalent to the modern high school and junior college course. The summer of the year he was sixteen he obtained permission to solicit students and teach a summer session in the local schoolhouse. He was asked to continue as master in the same school the following year which invitation he accepted. At the close of the fall term he obtained a release from his Lottsville appointment and accepted an appointment in the school at Duke Centre, Penna. Later some of his most amusing reminiscences were of his experiences as master of that back country school.

He was invited by the school board to return the next fall for a second year. The appointment was accepted.

In the autumn of 1888, he again entered the Seminary. He graduated the following spring with a distinguished record. The money he had saved from his two years' teaching brought college within the range of possibility. He was anxious to go on and his ambition received generous encouragement from his parents, his teachers and, particularly, from the Reverend W. P. Murray, minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sugar Grove. He matriculated at Allegheny College at Meadville with sophomore standing the next fall after his graduation from the Seminary. At the end of two years of college his funds were exhausted, and when the principal of the Sugar Grove Seminary offered him a position on the faculty, he obtained permission from the college authorities not only to accept the appointment, but also to complete the requirements for the bachelor's degree out of residence. The vacations which he should have used for rest he was compelled to spend at Meadville in the college laboratories. There was no giving up, however, and in June of 1892 he graduated with his class from college. By this time, although licensed as a preacher in the Methodist Church, he had decided against the ministry as a profession and had turned his thoughts toward graduate study and teaching.

William Earl had in his classes the young lady whom he shortly discovered he meant to marry. Even working hours could not have been tedious to one who was every day learning more of a future wife's scholastic idiosyncrasies and charm.

Living at home was inexpensive and during his three years in Sugar Grove he saved sufficient money to plan definitely for graduate work. He had by now determined to make mathematics his special field, and Harvard seemed to him the place to go. It was not until the fall semester of the year 1895 was nearly six weeks spent that he began attending classes in Cambridge. At that time Harvard did not accept degrees from other American colleges at their face value and it was, therefore, necessary for all students wishing to begin graduate study there to obtain first the Harvard A.B. degree. William Earl spent his first year at Harvard as an undergraduate. The next year he qualified for the Master of Arts degree. He found a position at McKendree College

in Lebanon, Illinois, and went there in September, 1897, as a member of the faculty of mathematics and astronomy. On August 31, 1898, on what was reputed to have been the hottest day of the summer, he and Amy Belle Shortt, b. Sept. 13, 1876, daughter of Charles McKendree and Belle Davis Shortt, were married in Sugargrove.

In June 1900 he resigned his professorship at McKendree and went with his wife back to Sugargrove. He had that spring received a graduate fellowship at Harvard. He entered in the fall, as expected, but in December his father David Newton became critically ill and he was called home. In the spring the temporary improvement in his father's condition made it possible for him to go to Haverford, Pennsylvania, to fill out the unexpired term of a master in the Haverford College Grammar School. Shortly after his return home in June his father died.

He had, in May, given up the idea of further graduate study and had made arrangements to go to Brooklyn, New York, as a member of the mathematics faculty of Pratt Institute. Accordingly, in September, 1901, he moved his family to New York. Early in 1904 he took the examination for appointment in the New York City High School System. The break which he made from Pratt when he received his appointment to the Eastern District High School in the fall of 1904 was not complete. He continued to teach in the Pratt Institute Evening School for the next seventeen years.

A home was bought at Richmond Hill, Long Island, a suburb just within the limits of New York City, and there the family moved in September 1904. In 1907 William Earl transferred to the Richmond Hill High School.

In one sense the chronicle of his life begins and ends with the settlement in Richmond Hill. Here he and his wife established their first real home, and here in the Union Congregational Church he was for twenty-five years a deacon.

He was still active as a member of the High School faculty when, on January 26, 1937, after a brief illness, he died. He was taken back to Sugar Grove for burial in the Sugar Grove Cemetery: it was fitting that he should return at last to the hills of Warren County,

Pennsylvania. It was in truth the land of his fathers: three generations lay buried there before him.

William Earl Stilson was a man of remarkable character. For himself he held the highest ideals of conduct and achievement, but he was ever tolerant of the opinions and convictions of others, demanding only that the opinion be sincere, the conviction honest. He exhibited absolute intellectual integrity, yet possessed a breadth of vision and insight that left no place for bigotry. He had the qualities that make a distinguished teacher and a wise parent: he never drove but attempted always to lead: he was patient and kind, but firm: he was able to gauge the value of the thing he was teaching and sought to inspire others with its importance, but he never confused human values with material; he demonstrated, though without conscious effort, the rewards which come from clear thinking. Balancing a natural reserve of manner was the twinkle in his eye which betokens that love of fun which will not let life become too solemn. He once remarked that could he live his life over he would make no changes. No man's life could bear a finer tribute than this: to be lived so completely as to leave no room for regrets.

The following lines were written as a tribute to him by some of those who worked with and under him during the later years of his life.

"Through the death of Mr. Stilson a beautiful spirit has gone from among us. We, the members of the faculty of the Richmond Hill High School, have lost a loved and honored co-worker of thirty years' standing. The pupils of our school have lost not merely a valued teacher but also the pattern of the true gentleman. We here express...our...resolve so to cherish the memory of his gentle spirit, his dry humor, his kindly attitude, his sterling qualities, that we may be the gentler, the kindlier, the more true and strong because of that memory."

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM EARL VIII 1
AND AMY BELLE (SHORTT)
(son of David Newton VII 1)

IX 1. ALDEN EARL b. Jan. 15, 1901

IX 2. EARL NEWTON b. May 1, 1907

ALDEN EARL IX 1

[son of William Earl VIII 1 and Amy Belle (Shortt)]

Born, Jan. 15, 1901 at Sugar Grove, Warren Co., Penna. Attended Allegheny College 1919. B.S. in Chemistry, Colgate University, 1922. Civil Engineering, Univ. of State of New York, 1933. Pres. Morse Boulger Destructor Co., 216 E. 45th St., New York City, Engineers and Contractors. Member Amer. Soc. Civil Engineers, Amer. Soc. Municipal Engineers, Amer. Soc. Military Engineers, Army and Navy Clubs of New York and Washington, D.C. 1st Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., R.A.I. Received Kenneth Allen Memorial Award in Sanitary Engineering 1934. M. Dec. 27, 1924, Margaret Louise Hyde, b. Apr. 25, 1902, at Nelsonville, Ohio, daughter of Maude Keller and Jeremiah Morris Hyde, M.D. Margaret Louise attended Ohio State University 1923. Resides 7141 Juno St., Forest Hills, Long Island, N.Y.

CHILDREN OF ALDEN EARL IX 1
AND MARGARET LOUISE (HYDE)
(son of William Earl VIII 1)

X 1. ALDEN EARL, JR. b. Oct. 15, 1925 at Portsmouth,
Ohio

X 2. JEREMIAH HYDE b. Dec. 24, 1928 at Forest Hills,
Queens, N.Y.

EARL NEWTON IX 2

[son of William Earl VIII 1 and Amy Belle (Shortt)]

Born May 1, 1907 at Richmond Hill, Long Island, New York. Educated: Richmond Hill Grammar and High School and Harvard College. B.A. Harvard 1933. M.A.

Harvard 1935. M. Aug. 31, 1934 Ruth Ernestine Cook, b. Feb. 21, 1911, daughter of E. Fullerton and Marguerite Shaffer Cook. Before her marriage Ruth Ernestine received her B.A. at Swarthmore, 1933 and M.A. at Radcliffe, 1934. They reside at 72 Grozier Road, Cambridge, Mass. where Earl Newton is a tutor and instructor in the department of Government, Harvard College.

CHILDREN OF EARL NEWTON IX. 2
AND RUTH ERNESTINE (COOK)
(son of William Earl VIII 1)

X 1. WILLIAM EARL b. Apr. 9, 1938 at Concord, Mass.

AMOS CLINTON STILLSON VII 2
[son of William Edward VI 6 and Deborah (Page)]



Looking toward Sugar Grove from the site of the old homestead on Stilson Hill, Pennsylvania. The church and school stand in the valley, and on the hill in the extreme distance stood the home of Rev. Charles Truesdell. The house has fallen to ruin. It is said that in the years 1870-73, before telephones were known, signals, such as a light in the window, were used by Amos Clinton and his bride-to-be, Stella May Truesdell, when "Elder" Truesdell, as he was called, gave his permission for Amos to spend the evening with his daughter. Photograph by the author in July, 1938.

CHANGE IN SPELLING

As will be seen from the biographical sketch which follows, it was late in 1873 or early in 1874 that Amos Clinton left Stilson Hill and moved to Elgin, Erie County, Pennsylvania. Being of the conviction that Stilson should be spelled Stillson, Amos deliberately changed the spelling of his name when he moved "off the Hill." Of course this added letter "l" has been carried on by descendants in his line. In the notes on his descendants the name will be given in full. No doubt that action of a similar nature has changed the spelling of many surnames.

The following biographical sketch was submitted by his son C. W. Stillson VIII 2.

Amos Clinton Stillson was born October 20, 1850 on Stilson Hill, Warren County, Pennsylvania. Married in 1873 Stella May Truesdell, b. Apr. 20, 1857, daughter of Rev. Charles and Betsy (Baker) Truesdell. Moved to Elgin, Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1873 where he engaged in farming.



Old homestead in Elgin, Erie County, Pennsylvania, built by Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2 and his wife's father, Rev. Charles Truesdell, in 1873 or 1874. Birthplace of Nettie Nan Stillson VIII 1, Charles William Stillson VIII 2 and Dr. William Charles Stillson VIII 3. Photograph by the author in June 1918. (See Addenda G)

During the oil boom at Titusville, Pennsylvania, Amos and his father-in-law, Rev. Truesdell, left Elgin to engage in the oil industry. Following the death of his wife, Stella May, Aug. 12, 1887, he gave up farming and moved to Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, to devote his entire time to oil production.

In the spring of 1889 he married Cora Disbrow, daughter of William and Belle Disbrow of Elgin, Pennsylvania. Cora had been his wife's dearest friend. She was b. Apr. 11, 1865 and d. Dec. 4, 1892. Her death was the result of a very severe burn while they were living in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. Burial, Elgin Cemetery, Elgin, Pennsylvania.

In the summer of 1895 Amos Clinton married Rebecca Elizabeth Buxton of Eldersville, Pennsylvania, who had been a teacher in the public schools at Midway, Pennsylvania, for several years. She was born in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Penna. and was a daughter of Davis and Hannah Buxton. After his marriage his interest in the oil industry took him to the new oil field in Western Ohio, Cygnet, Beardstown and Findlay. His residence in Findlay, Ohio, covered a period of ten years. During most of this time he was connected with the Standard Oil Company of Ohio.

In 1910 he moved to Youngstown, Ohio, where he died of a paralytic stroke Jan. 10, 1914. He is buried in the cemetery at Elgin, Pennsylvania. After his removal to Youngstown, Ohio, due to failing health, he lived much in retirement.

During his entire lifetime he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and wherever he lived was active in church work. At Elgin, Penn., he was superintendent of the Sunday School. He was interested in music, had an excellent voice and was often a choir leader. He lived a consistent Christian life and, at the time of his death, was an official of Epworth M.E. Church, Youngstown, Ohio. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Union City, Penn.

He attended the Academy at Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, and throughout his entire lifetime held a keen interest in educational matters.

After the death of Amos Clinton Stillson, Rebecca Elizabeth, his widow, moved to her former home and

birthplace, Eldersville, Penn. where she resided until her death Dec. 8, 1936, in her eighty-first year. At her request, she was buried in Eldersville in the family cemetery beside her mother.

ANCESTRY OF STELLA MAY TRUESDELL

A letter under date of January 8, 1937, from Karl Truesdell, Colonel, Infantry, Director, at the Army War College, Fort Humphreys, Washington, D.C., who has spent several years in tracing the Truesdell line, includes the following "research to date from the first Truesdell immigrant having male descendants born in America downward":

- 1st. SAMUEL TRUESDELL, Bapt. St. Botolphs' Church, Boston, Lincolnshire, England, Mar. 3, 1647, d. Newton, Mass. Mar. 2, 1694/5; m. Mary Jackson, dau. of Deacon John and Margaret. Eight children, the eldest being:
- 2nd. RICHARD TRUESDELL b. Newton, Mass. July 16, 1672; d. Woodstock, Conn., Oct. 24, 1707; m. Feb. 24, 1696/7, Mary Richards. Their children included (2nd born):
- 3rd. WILLIAM TRUESDELL b. Dedham, Mass., Apr. 6, 1700; d. Egg Harbor, N.J., 1759; m. Apr. 21, 1719, Martha Tyler, dau. of John and Hanna (Steut). They had nine children, the youngest being: Richard Truesdell, b. May 20, 1744. Rev. War Soldier (see following).

In 1896 Mr. C. J. Peckham published a book known as "The Truesdell Family - A History." It was printed by the N. E. Thomas Printing Co., Jamestown, N.Y. Copy is in the Western Reserve Historical Library, Cleveland, Ohio, and also in possession of the author. This history covered a period 1700 - 1896. The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, accepts the following record of Truesdell ancestry as compiled from the book

published by Mr. Peckham.

- 4th. RICHARD TRUESDELL b. 1734 (should be May 20, 1744); d. 1839. Assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of minute man in Albany Co., N.Y. Militia, 7th regiment, under Col. Abraham J. Van Alstine, Lt. Col. Phillip Van Alstine, Maj. Harman Van Buren. Richard married Rachel Keeler about 1765. They had
- 5th JACOB TRUESDELL (1769-1853) married Alice Gates about 1794. They had
- 6th JEHEIL TRUESDELL (1796-1857) married Eliza Porter in 1822. They had
- 7th CHARLES TRUESDELL (1825-1886) married Betsy Baker in 1846. They had
- 8th STELLA MAY TRUESDELL (1857-1887) married Amos Clinton Stillson in 1873.



The Methodist Episcopal Church at Elgin, Pennsylvania. Moved in 1883 on land said to have been donated by Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2. This church played an important part in the history of the Stillson family for over thirty years.

The following is taken from the Historical Reference Book of Erie County, Penna., p. 291, published in 1896:

"The Methodist Congregation organized 1854 or 55. Place of meeting changed to Elgin Schoolhouse in 1858.

The congregation purchased the Presbyterian Church building at Beaver Dam, moved it to the borough (Elgin, Penna.) and has since used it as a place of worship. Photograph by the author in June 1918.

CHILDREN OF AMOS CLINTON STILLSON VII 2
AND STELLA MAY (TRUESDELL)
(son of William Edward VI 6)

- VIII 1. NETTIE NAN STILLSON b. June 24, 1874
VIII 2. CHARLES WILLIAM STILLSON b. Feb. 4, 1877
VIII 3. WILLIAM CHARLES STILLSON b. Apr. 11, 1886



The following Stillsons began their education in this schoolhouse at Elgin, Erie County, Penna., which was built before 1875 and possibly as early as 1858: Nettie Nan (Stillson) Lewis VIII 1, Charles Augustus Lewis, husband of Nettie Nan Stillson VIII 1, Charles William Stillson VIII 2, Fern Dorlesca Reynolds, wife of Dr. William Charles Stillson VIII 3, Harold Lewis IX 2, Clyde Lewis IX 3, Rev. Gayle Forest Lewis IX 5. Photograph by the author in June 1918.

NETTIE NAN STILLSON VIII 1
[Daughter of Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2
and Stella May (Truesdell)]

Born June 24, 1874 in Elgin, Erie County, Pennsylvania. Educated in Elgin schools. M. Sept. 30, 1890, Charles Augustus Lewis, b. Jan. 6, 1870. He was a son of Perry (Civil War veteran) and Phoebe Lewis. Charles A. Lewis was engaged in farming and dairying one mile east

of Elgin, Penna., until 1907 when they moved to Youngstown, Ohio, where he engaged in the grocery business. Nettie Nan, d. April 16, 1913. Burial in family lot in Elgin Cemetery, Elgin, Penna.

CHILDREN OF NETTIE NAN STILLSON VIII 1
AND CHARLES AUGUSTUS LEWIS
(daughter of Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2)

Born in Elgin, Penna.:

- IX 1. EARL PERRY LEWIS b. 1891; d. 1892
- IX 2. HAROLD LEWIS b. Aug. 1893; d. Apr. 16, 1906
- IX 3. CLYDE TRUESDELL LEWIS b. June 2, 1895
- IX 4. STELLA MAY LEWIS b. 1897; d. 1897
- IX 5. GAYLE FOREST LEWIS b. Nov. 14, 1898
- IX 6. ADA LEWIS b. 1906; d. 1906.
- IX 7. NETTIE FERN LEWIS b. in Youngstown, O. Mar. 7, 1913. Resides with father in Ione, Calif.



The Cemetery at Elgin,
Erie County, Pennsylvania.
Burial place of Amos Clinton
Stillson VII 2, his first wife
Stella (Truesdell) Stillson,
her father and mother, Rev.
Charles and Betsy Truesdell;
Cora (Disbrow) Stillson, second
wife of Amos; Nettie Nan
(Stillson) Lewis VIII 1 and
the following of her children:
Earl IX 1, Harold IX 2, Stella
IX 4, and Ada IX 6.
Photograph by the author in
June 1918.

CLYDE TRUESDELL LEWIS IX 3

(son of Nettie Nan VIII 1, and Charles Agustus Lewis)

Born June 2, 1895. Educated in Elgin, Penna. and Youngstown, Ohio. Occupation: plastering contractor. M. Sept. 30, 1914 Mary Alice Windle, b. Aug. 24, 1895, daughter of John and Jennie Windle. They have an adopted daughter, Anna Belle Windle, b. Aug. 5, 1916. Resides: 323 W. Princeton St., Youngstown, Ohio.

GAYLE FOREST LEWIS IX 5

(son of Nettie Nan VIII 1, and Charles Agustus Lewis)

Born Nov. 14, 1898. Educated Elgin, Penn., Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio. Ordained in Findlay, Ohio, in May, 1925. Elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Central District (which includes Ohio, Ind. and Mich.) Pentecostal Assemblies of God 1927. District Superintendent of above since 1931. Served on Directorate of Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri eight years, on Foreign Missions Commission four years, on Educational Committee and Committee on Institutions three years; m. May 31, 1917, Mary Evelyn Stevenson, b. July 23, 1898, daughter of Harry and Katheryn Emmaline (Shaffer) Stevenson. Resides: 11 Warren Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF REV. GAYLE FOREST LEWIS IX 5

AND MARY EVELYN (STEVENSON)

(son of Nettie Nan Lewis VIII 1)

1. MARY VIRGINIA LEWIS b. June 21, 1918; m. Dec. 28, 1937, Rev. James Phillip Hogan, b. Dec. 24, 1915, son of Leslie Hogan.
2. OLIVE ROBERTA LEWIS b. Nov. 2, 1921
3. GAYLE FOREST LEWIS, JR. b. May 10, 1923

CHILDREN OF MARY VIRGINIA LEWIS X 1
AND REV. JAMES PHILLIP HOGAN
(daughter of Rev. Gayle Forest Lewis IX 5)

XI 1. JAMES RICHARD HOGAN b. Dec. 15, 1938

CHARLES WILLIAM STILLSON VIII 2
[son of Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2 and
Stella May (Truesdell)]

Born Feb. 4, 1877 in Elgin, Erie County, Penna.
Educated Elgin, Penna., Burgettstown, Penna., Oakdale
Academy, Oakdale, Penna. Grad. Cleveland Central High
School 1896. Attended Allegheny College. Pres. Young-
town Kiwanis Club, 1920, Member Youngstown Board of Edu-
cation, 1923-1927. Pres. of Youngstown Association of
Life Underwriters, 1921. Admitted Dec. 7, 1932, Sons of
Amer. Rev. No. 52607 National, 2641 State. Pres. Nath.
Hale Chapter S.A.R., 1937. Trustee, Trinity Methodist
Episcopal Church at Youngstown, Ohio. M. July 18, 1901
Clara Louise Headdon, b. Jan. 28, 1882, daughter of
William Headdon and Mary Ann (Kingdon) Showerman. Oc-
cupation: General Manager of Youngstown District of
The Midland Mutual Life Insurance Company of Columbus,
Ohio, since 1915. Resides: 122 E. Indianola Rd.,
Youngstown, Ohio. Office: 1304-5 Central Tower Bldg
Youngstown, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF CHARLES WILLIAM STILLSON VIII 2
AND CLARA LOUISE (HEADDON)
(son of Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2)

Born in Youngstown, O.:

IX 1. LLOYD TRUESDELL STILLSON b. May 24, 1908

IX 2. STEWART HEADDON STILLSON b. May 15, 1910; d. Apr.
29, 1916

IX 3. CHARLES AMOS STILLSON b. Sept. 1, 1911

IX 4. DEAN EARL STILLSON b. Sept. 30, 1918. Attended
Culver Military Academy Culver, Ind. Attending
Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio. Matricu-
lated Medical School, Western Reserve Univer-
sity, Cleveland, Ohio.

LLOYD TRUESDELL STILLSON IX 1

[son of Charles William Stillson VIII 2 and
Clara Louise (Headdon)]

Born May 24, 1908. Educated public schools of Youngstown, Ohio. B.A. Ohio Wesleyan University, 1929. Vice Pres. and Director of Junior Chamber of Commerce, Youngstown, Ohio. M. Sept. 15, 1931 Dorothy May Kelley, b. May 16, 1911, daughter of Charles and Jessie Kelley. Occupation: Associate General Manager, Youngstown District of The Midland Mutual Life Insurance Company of Columbus, Ohio, since 1929. Resides: 1933 Everett Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. Office: 1304-5 Central Tower Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF LLOYD TRUESDELL STILLSON IX 1
AND DOROTHY MAY (KELLEY)
(son of Charles William Stillson VIII 2)

X 1. ANN HEADDON STILLSON b. Jan. 17, 1933

X 2. LYNNE TRUESDELL STILLSON b. Mar. 13, 1937

CHARLES AMOS STILLSON IX 3

[son of Charles William Stillson VIII 2 and
Clara Louise (Headdon)]

Born Sept. 1, 1911. Educated public schools of Youngstown, Ohio, Western Reserve Academy at Hudson, Ohio, Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind., Youngstown College, and Ohio Wesleyan University. M. May 11, 1935 Helen Eleanor Schmidt, b. Nov. 6, 1912, Youngstown, Ohio, daughter of Arthur and Pearl Schmidt. Occupation: Cashier, Youngstown Branch of The Midland Mutual Life Insurance Company of Columbus, Ohio, since 1932. Resides: 31 Arlene Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. Office: 1304-5 Central Tower Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF CHARLES AMOS STILLSON IX 3
AND HELEN ELEANOR (SCHMIDT)
(son of Charles William Stillson VIII 2)

X 1. DONALD DEAN STILLSON b. Jan. 1, 1937

WILLIAM CHARLES STILLSON VIII 3
[son of Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2 and
Stella May (Truesdell)]

Born April 11, 1886 at Elgin, Erie County, Pennsylvania. Educated in public schools of Cleveland, Cygnet, Beardstown and Findlay, Ohio. Graduated Findlay High School, 1904. D.D.S. Western Reserve University School of Dentistry, 1908. F.A.C.D. (Fellow of American College of Dentists) New Orleans, La., 1935. Prof. of Dental Anatomy, Western Reserve University, School of Dentistry, since 1933. Pres. Cleveland Dental Society 1918-1919. Pres. local chapter Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Honorary Dental Fraternity, 1938. Author of the following books: "Quiz Compend of Dental Anatomy" published in 1929, and a book of poems, "The Story that Ann Otter Told" published in 1920. Copy of the foregoing book in the Western Reserve Historical Library of Cleveland, Ohio. It gives in verse the biography of a woman who made her home with the Stillson family for half a century and whose grave is in Elgin Cemetery with those of Amos Clinton and Stella May Stillson.

M. Feb. 16, 1910 Fern Dorlesca Reynolds, b. July 18, 1888, at Elgin, Penna., daughter of William Henry and Pearl Elvira (Price) Reynolds, b. Aug. 8, 1872. William Henry, b. at Cornplanter, Penna., Nov. 6, 1858; d. Nov. 1, 1918, burial Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio, was son of Daniel Cornelious and Angeline Greenman Reynolds. Occupation: Practice of dentistry. Resides: 1383 Lynn Park Drive, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Office: 10208 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

CHILDREN OF DR. WILLIAM CHARLES STILLSON VIII 3
AND FERN DORLESCA (REYNOLDS)
(son of Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2)

- IX 1. ESTELLE FERN STILLSON b. June 9, 1911; m. Phillips
Lloyd Cushing Waterman, Mar. 21, 1936.
IX 2. WILLIAM TRUESDELL STILLSON b. Aug. 31, 1916.
Educated public schools Cleveland Heights and
South Euclid, Ohio. Graduated Brush High
School, 1935. B.B.S. Miami University, 1939.

ESTELLE FERN STILLSON IX 1
[daughter of William Charles Stillson VIII 3
and Fern Dorlesca (Reynolds)]

Born June 9, 1911. Educated public schools of
Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Laurel School, South Euclid,
Ohio. Graduated Laurel School, 1930. Attended Miami
University. M. March 21, 1936, Phillips Lloyd Cushing
Waterman, b. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 9, 1907, son of Al-
bert Lloyd Waterman, b. Brooklyn, N.Y. and Zoë Arian
(Phillips) Waterman, b. Cobourg, Ontario Canada. Phil-
lips Waterman graduated St. Johns Military Academy, 1926
and attended the University of Illinois. He is a sales-
man with the Revere Copper and Brass Co. Resides: 2319
Saybrook Rd., University Heights, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF ESTELLE FERN STILLSON IX 1
AND PHILLIPS LLOYD CUSHING WATERMAN
(daughter of William Charles Stillson VIII 3)

- X 1. MARCIA ZOË WATERMAN b. Dec. 8, 1936

NANCY ANN STILSON VII 3
[daughter of William Edward VI 6 and
Deborah (Page)]

The following is taken from a "Memoir" pub-
lished at the time of her death. Copy in possession of
Wheeler W. Brush.

Nancy Ann Stilson was born at Stilson Hill,

Pennsylvania, May 22, 1853 and died July 2, 1910. She married Gerritt S. Horton, Nov. 17, 1875. To them was born one child, (Pearl Irene) Mrs. W. W. Brush of Cleveland, Ohio.

She lived in her native state until 1891 when with her husband and daughter she came to Ohio and lived in Cleveland until the time of her death, except four years which she spent in Northfield, Ohio. Her husband passed away seven years ago, (1903) since then she has made her home with her daughter.

She united with the Methodist Church of which she was an honored member. She was a woman of deep religious life and of strong faith. She worked among the neglected poor and taught them the way of life.

Funeral service was held in Wade Memorial Chapel and her remains were laid to rest in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio, beside those of her husband.

CHILD OF NANCY ANN STILSON VII 3
AND GERRITT S. HORTON
(daughter of William Edward VI 6)

VIII 1. PEARL IRENE HORTON

The following information was submitted by her husband, Wheeler W. Brush. Also taken in part from papers published at Berea, Ohio.

Born Nov. 4, 1878 at Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. Moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1891. Graduated Central High School 1897. B.A. Western Reserve University, College for Women, (now known as Flora Stone Mather College) 1901. M. Sept. 2, 1902, Wheeler Washburn Brush, b. Nov. 9, 1868, son of Rev. Perry D. (Civil War vet.) and Mary E. Brush.

They lived in Northfield, Ohio, four years and after a return to Cleveland, again moved to Berea, Ohio, in 1919, where she died May 20, 1933. Funeral services were held from the residence May 22, 1933, with Rev. H. K. Hilberry, pastor of the Methodist Church, of which she was a member, officiating. Burial in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. She was a faithful and devoted

mother and a life-long worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Brush is an engineer and resides at 117 Seminary St., Berea, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF PEARL IRENE HORTON VIII 1
AND WHEELER WASHBURN BRUSH
(daughter of Nancy Ann Horton VII 3)

- IX 1. DOROTHY IRENE BRUSH b. June 22, 1903; m. Edwin S. Manchester
IX 2. GERTRUDE HORTON BRUSH b. July 9, 1906; d. same
IX 3. RUTH HELEN BRUSH b. June 9, 1909; m. Hervey Eugene Miller
IX 4. FLORENCE PEARL BRUSH b. Aug. 28, 1912; d. Feb. 19, 1915

DOROTHY IRENE BRUSH IX 1
(daughter of Pearl Irene Horton VIII 1 and
Wheeler Washburn Brush)

Born June 22, 1903, at Cleveland, Ohio. Graduated Berea High School, 1921. B.S. 1926 Baldwin-Wallace College Berea, Ohio. Taught in Wadsworth, Ohio, one year and in public schools of Youngstown, Ohio, six years, 1927-1933. M. Sept. 7, 1933, Edwin S. Manchester of Tecumseh, Mich., by Rev. H. K. Hilberry, at Berea, Ohio.

They reside at 304 E. Pottawatamie St., Tecumseh, Mich., where Mr. Manchester is agent for the New York Central R. R.

RUTH HELEN BRUSH IX 3
(daughter of Pearl Irene Horton VIII 1 and
Wheeler Washburn Brush)

Born June 9, 1909, at Cleveland, Ohio. Graduated Berea High School, 1927. Attended Baldwin-Wallace College at Berea, Ohio, three years, 1927-1930. M. Oct. 18, 1930, Hervey Eugene Miller, Jr., b. Sept. 1, 1906, son of Hervey E. and E. Blanche Miller of Berea,

Ohio. Hervey Eugene, Jr., received his B.A. at Baldwin-Wallace College, 1928. His father Hervey E. was an attorney.

They reside at Bay View Drive, Apponaug, Rhode Island. Mr. Miller is Office Manager for General Homes, Distributors for "Inselbric," Providence, R. I.

CHILDREN OF RUTH HELEN BRUSH IX 3

AND HERVEY EUGENE MILLER

[daughter of Pearl Irene (Horton) Brush VIII 1]

X 1. ROBERT EUGENE MILLER b. Dec. 16, 1931

X 2. BARBARA LOUISE MILLER b. Apr. 5, 1936

DAVID STILSON VI 9

[son of David V 3 and Mary (Burrough)]



Portrait of David and Margaret (Page) Stilson. Reprint from the author's collection.

The Sheffield Observer under date of August 19, 1926, Records of Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna. lists David, Jr., as the last child of David and Mary Stilson, and gives the date of this birth as 1827 and death as 1901 and states that he married Margaret Page Sept. 9, 1852. She was born in Pittsfield Township, Warren County, Penna., July 31, 1834 and died Jan. 14, 1900. (See Notes on Page Genealogy.)

The 1850 Census of Sugar Creek Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C. Records) lists David as 23 years of age and a farmer and gives his place of birth as Pennsylvania. The correct date of David's birth was Aug. 9, 1827 and he died May 29, 1901. At the time the Census was taken he was living with his father. His wife was a sister of Deborah Page who married William VI 6 his brother.

Mrs. Myrtle Stockton, now living in Hollywood, California, and last child of David IV 9 gives the following information regarding her father and mother: For part of his life he was a farmer and for a time he was interested in the lumber business. In his last years he had various business interests. He and mother both passed away at my home in Jamestown, N.Y. Father had heart trouble and mother had a cancer. Both are buried in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna. Father belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mother never joined a church but was a Christian. Father was born on Stilson Hill and mother in Page Hollow, Penna.

DEED: David Stilson and Margaret Stilson to Horatio W. Wrigley Apr. 1, 1865.

Deeds--Warren Court House 27-668

The History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, page 301 notes that David Stilson, Jr., was commissioned Justice of the Peace, Mar. 16, 1866.

CHILDREN OF DAVID VI 9
AND MARGARET PAGE
(son of David V 3)

In the History of Warren County, Pennsylvania, Page XCI--Brief Personals, may be noted the following:

Stilson, Jr. David, Sugar Grove, was born on Stilson Hill, Sugar Grove, in 1827 and is the son of David and Mary Burrough Stilson.--- David, Jr., married Margaret Page September 9, 1852: she was born in Pittsfield in 1834. They have a family of four children-- Thomas Perry, Alice A., Frank A., and Myrtle. Alice A. married Charles Middleton. Thomas died in 1881 aged twenty-eight years.

This family listed in order is as follows:

- VII 1. THOMAS PERRY b. 1853
- VII 2. ALICE A. b. Mar. 5, 1857
- VII 3. FRANK ADELBERT b. Dec. 11, 1862
- VII 4. MYRTLE ESTELLE b. July 23, 1871

THOMAS PERRY VII 1

[son of David VI 9 and Margaret (Page)]

Born in Sugar Grove, Penna. in 1853 and d. at Jamestown, New York in 1881. He married Nellie Tyrrell who is still living (May, 1939). There were no children. The following clipping (exact date unknown) probably from the Jamestown Journal is of interest:

Obituary

THOMAS P. STILSON

At an early hour this morning the death of Thomas P. Stilson took place from typhoid fever, at his home on James street, he being 28 years, 4 months and 20 days of age. Mr. Stilson was born in Sugar Grove, Pa., in 1853, and was a son of David Stilson. He came to Jamestown several years ago, and has been employed in the dry goods stores here nearly ever since. He was a most faithful and capable employe, and his relations with his associates and employers were always cordial and friendly. He was a prominent member of the M. E. Church, and was a consistent Christian. He leaves a wife. The funeral takes place Sunday from

the residence on James street, at 2 o'clock p.m., the services to be conducted by Rev. A. N. Craft.

ALICE A. VII 2

[daughter of David VI 9 and Margaret (Page)]

Information given by daughter Maude VIII 3.

Born Mar. 5, 1857 at Stilson Hill, Sugar Grove, Penna.; d. Mar. 7, 1895 at Sugar Grove, Penna.; m. June 11, 1884, Charles Samuel Middleton, b. Dec. 11, 1849 at Conneaut, Ohio; d. Nov. 11, 1918 at Cleveland, Ohio. Charles Middleton was son of Robert and Mary Benedict Middleton. Alice A. is buried in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sugar Grove, Penna. and Charles Middleton is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. After the death of Alice A., Charles Middleton m. 2nd Elda Carmer in 1899. They had the following children:

1. Audrey Middleton b. Apr. 18, 1900
2. Kathryn Middleton (King) b. Aug. 4, 1909
3. Lloyd Middleton b. June 23, 1911



The church and schoolhouse on Stilson Hill, Penna., built, according to W. J. Dunn, between 80 and 100 years ago. In this school Alice A. VII 2 daughter of David VI 9 taught sometime during the years 1879-80. This church and school have been the center of community life on Stilson Hill for almost a century. Photograph by author in July, 1938.

CHILDREN OF ALICE A. VII 2
AND CHARLES SAMUEL MIDDLETON
(daughter of David VI 9)

- VIII 1. MARGARET JANE MIDDLETON b. Apr. 19, 1885
VIII 2. ROBERT BENEDICT MIDDLETON b. July 31, 1887
VIII 3. MAUDE MIDDLETON b. Sept. 7, 1890

MARGARET JANE MIDDLETON VIII 1

(daughter of ALICE A. VII 2 and Charles Samuel Middleton)

Born April 19, 1885 at Sugar Grove, Penna., educated in Sugar Grove Public Schools and Seminary; m. Dec. 24, 1914, at Providence, R.I., Charles Simpson, son of William and Lucretia Coley Simpson. Charles Simpson was City Manager for Curtis Publishing Co., Toledo, Ohio. Residence 2035 Collingwood St., Toledo, Ohio.

ROBERT BENEDICT MIDDLETON VIII 2

(son of Alice A. VII 2 and Charles Samuel Middleton)

Born July 31, 1887 at Sugar Grove, Penna., educated in Sugar Grove Public Schools and Seminary; m. 1915 Ethel Specht. Robert Benedict is an automobile salesman. Resides: Denver, Colorado.

MAUDE MIDDLETON VIII 3

(daughter of Alice A. VII 2 and Charles Samuel Middleton)

Born Sept. 7, 1890 at Sugar Grove, Penna., educated in Sugar Grove Public Schools and Cleveland Public Schools; m. Apr. 2, 1911 at Cleveland, Ohio, Howard Spooner Sipher, b. Apr. 18, 1888 at Cleveland, Ohio; d. Dec. 16, 1915, burial, Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. The following excerpt from a letter from Maude (Middleton) Sipher, July, 1939, relates to her husband Howard:

I can not give exact dates, as his parents died when he was very young. His mother was born in England and came to the U.S.A. as a girl in her early 'teens. Howard was

adopted by Elizabeth and Henry Sipher. Both are now deceased. At the time of Howard's passing he was with the old Baker Rauch and Lang Co.

Residence 117 Seminary St., Berea, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF MAUDE MIDDLETON VIII 3
AND HOWARD SPOONER SIPHER
[daughter of Alice A. (Middleton) VII 2]

- IX 1. DEAN SPOONER SIPHER b. Dec. 30, 1912, educated in Cleveland Public Schools, and John Marshall High School in Cleveland, Ohio. Manager, Reeves Cleaning and Dyeing Co., Berea Office. Resides: 117 Seminary St., Berea, Ohio.
- IX 2. ALICE ELIZABETH SIPHER b. Nov. 19, 1914, educated in Cleveland Public Schools and West Technical High School in Cleveland, Ohio. Resides: 117 Seminary St., Berea, Ohio.

FRANK ADELBERT VII 3
[son of David VI 9 and Margaret (Page)]

Information given by daughter, Olive Betsey

VIII 1.

Born Dec. 11, 1862 at Page Valley, Warren County, Penna.; educated in Sugar Grove, Warren County, Penna. Moved to Jamestown, N.Y. in 1880; m. Sept. 30, 1884, Effia N. Merrill, b. Oct. 14, 1866, daughter of Joshua S. and Olive Griggs Merrill. Frank Adelbert was in the insurance business for several years. Later was superintendent of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Penna. Moved to Denver, Colorado in 1909 where he was interested in oil; d. May 18, 1924. Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.

CHILDREN OF FRANK ADELBERT VII 3
AND EFFIA N. MERRILL
(son of David VI 9)

- VIII 1. OLIVE BETSEY b. July 22, 1885
VIII 2. NELLIE EFFIA b. April 4, 1887
VIII 3. RUTH DAUGHAN b. June 7, 1898

OLIVE BETSEY VIII 1

[daughter of Frank Adelbert VII 3 and Effia (Merrill)]

Born July 22, 1885 in Jamestown, N.Y.; educated in Jamestown and Buffalo, N.Y.; m. Apr. 8, 1915, Joseph Wayne Duvall, b. in Greeley, Colorado, son of George E. and Adeline Kirkbride Duvall. Joseph Wayne is an Industrial Gas Engineer. Resides: 2020 N. W. 23rd St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

CHILDREN OF OLIVE BETSEY VIII 1
AND JOSEPH WAYNE DUVALL
(daughter of Frank Adelbert VII 3)

- IX 1. MARGUERITE EFFIA DUVALL b. Nov. 25, 1917, Denver, Colorado. Educated Oklahoma City and Oklahoma University at Norman, Oklahoma; m. Sept. 3, 1938, Charles R. Hayes, Jr., b. Nov. 14, 1918 at McCloud, Oklahoma, son of Thelma Mae (Rodgers) and Charles Roscoe Hayes. Resides: 914 N.W. 20th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
IX 2. BETTY ADELINE DUVALL b. Nov. 5, 1920, at Denver, Colorado, attending University of Oklahoma.
IX 3. JOSEPH WAYNE DUVALL, Jr. b. April 1, 1922, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NELLIE EFFIA VIII 2

[daughter of Frank Adelbert VII 3 and Effia (Merrill)]

Born April 4, 1887 at Jamestown, N.Y. Educated Jamestown Public Schools; m. Mar. 28, 1912, Frank Lavern Philips, b. in Oskoloosa, Iowa, son of Homer S. and

Jessie (Edgar) Philips. Frank Lavern Philips is a Commercial Artist. Resides: 2080 S. Emerson St., Denver, Colorado.

CHILDREN OF NELLIE EFFIA VIII 2
AND FRANK LAVERN PHILIPS
(daughter of Frank Adelbert VII 3)

- IX 1. DAVID MERRILL PHILIPS b. Jan. 11, 1913, Denver, Colorado. Working on master's degree at Denver University.
- IX 2. DONALD EDGAR PHILIPS b. July 18, 1914, Denver, Colorado, attending Colorado University at Boulder, Colorado.

RUTH DAUGHAN VIII 3
[daughter of Frank Adelbert VII 3 and Effia (Merrill)]

Born June 7, 1898, Jamestown, N.Y., educated at Buffalo, N.Y. and Denver, Colorado; m. June 16, 1917, Kimball Arthur Conant, b. Jan. 10, 1894 at Blue Island, Ill., son of Arthur H. and Ella (Seip) Conant. Kimball Arthur is in the Trunk and Leather business. Resides: Denver, Colorado.

CHILDREN OF RUTH DAUGHAN VIII 3
AND KIMBALL ARTHUR CONANT
(daughter of Frank Adelbert VII 3)

- IX 1. DAUGHAN VIRGINIA CONANT b. April 1, 1918 at Buffalo, N.Y.
- IX 2. MERRILL STILSON CONANT b. June 19, 1923 at Denver, Colorado

MYRTLE ESTELLE VII 4
[daughter of David VI 9 and Margaret (Page)]

Born July 23, 1871 at Blue Eye, Warren County, Penna.; m. Thomas Lawrence Stockton, b. 1863 near

Meadville, Penna., son of Robert and Hatty Stockton. Thomas Lawrence (known usually by his middle name) was in the contracting, building and lumber business. In his early life he went to Seattle, Washington, but returned east to engage in the lumber business with his father. He d. Jan. 25, 1937. Burial: California. Myrtle Estelle resides with her son Dr. Frank William Stockton, 1536 Hillside Drive, Glendale, Cal.

CHILD OF MYRTLE ESTELLE VII 4

AND THOMAS LAURENCE STOCKTON

[daughter of David VI 9 and Margaret (Page)]

- VIII 1. FRANK WILLIAM STOCKTON b. Jan. 30, 1896 at Sugar Grove, Penna.; educated in Public Schools of Jamestown, N.Y.; D.D.S. University of Michigan, 1918. Has enjoyed a very successful practice of dentistry since graduation. Now specializing in Orthodontics; m. May 2, 1922, Miriam Adelia Pike, b. 1902, daughter of William H. and Charlotte (Sage) Pike. Resides: 1536 Hillside Dr. Glendale, California. Office: 1526 Conoda Blvd., Glendale, California.

CHILDREN OF FRANK WILLIAM STOCKTON VIII 1

AND MIRIAM ADELIA PIKE

(son of Myrtle Estelle Stockton VII 4)

- IX 1. ROBERT DAVID STOCKTON b. May 6, 1923
IX 2. WILLIAM PIKE STOCKTON b. April 7, 1925
IX 3. FRANCES RUTH STOCKTON b. Dec. 7, 1930
IX 4. JAMES LAWRENCE STOCKTON b. Aug. 5, 1937
IX 5. GRACE MIRIAM STOCKTON b. Nov. 20, 1938

ADDENDA

A

Since this work was undertaken it has come to the author's notice that Sherwood Hawley Stilson, b. 1842, d. 1907 and a descendant of Moses II 5 had spent his last years in a study of Stilson genealogy and had, with great accuracy and painstaking effort, worked out his own branch of the family. The author is in possession of a copy of this data which was given to him by Paul Bostwick Stilson, b. 1873, a son of Sherwood Hawley, mentioned above.

It has been most interesting to note that, with few minor exceptions, this work goes directly back to the same source as the work of the author. Mr. Sherwood Stilson, however, considered the William Stitson, mentioned here, to have been the first immigrant and Vincent to have been his son. The first note in Mr. Sherwood Stilson's data is as follows:

"I William Stilson, b. 1600 in England, d. 1691, came to Charlestown, Mass., before 1633, with wife Elizabeth. They were admitted to the church March 22, 1633. She died Feb. 16, 1669. He married Mary Norton, Aug. 22, 1670. She died Apr. 11, 1691."

As further proof that others hold the opinion that William Stitson (or Stilson) of Charlestown, Mass., was the first immigrant of that name, note the following from the Boston Transcript under date of May 28, 1937 and signed S.M.D.W. Copied by C. W. Stillson VIII 2, Aug. 1, 1939:

William Stilson, the immigrant ancestor of all the early colonial families of that name, was born about 1600 in Herefordshire, England, and settled in Charlestown, Mass.; was a yeoman. He and his wife, Elizabeth Harris were admitted to the church in Charlestown, March 22, 1633. He was made a freeman June 11, 1633; was a proprietor of the town 1635 and a town officer. Ordained deacon Oct. 16, 1659. He deposed Dec. 28, 1658, that he was 58 years of age. His wife died Feb. 16, 1669-70 and he married Aug. 27, 1670, Mary Norton, widow

of Captain Francis Norton. He died April 11, 1690, aged 90.

He had one son, Vincent (2), who came to Milford 1646 and married Mary -----. He died 1687. Eight children.

Hugh (3) married Martha Fenn, daughter of Benjamin Fenn, and had five children.

When the foregoing was brought to the attention of the author a request for a copy of the will of William was sent to Mr. Loring P. Jordan, Register of Probate Court, Middlesex County, East Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Jordan was also asked for an opinion relative to the spelling of this name. He replied that the "name was spelled STITSON."

Not satisfied with this, the matter was again taken up with Mr. Donald Lines Jacobus, genealogist of New Haven, Conn. His reply under date of Aug. 11, 1939 follows:

Dear Dr. Stillson:

As you know, I ran into this William Stilson, if that was his name, when I was working on Vincent, and thought he had no connection with your line, so I paid him no further attention and took no notes concerning him. Your letter found me at the shore on my vacation, and at the first opportunity when I ran up town I worked in the library and assembled a little information.

Shurtleff's Records of Massachusetts Bay contains many references to William. This is a verbatim transcript of the colony records. In the first four entries which mentioned his name, it appears as Stitson. In the next entry it is Stilson, and thereafter Stilson or Stiltson. Shurtleff was a careful transcriber and expert in reading the old script, so it appears that these variations in spelling did occur in the original records. It is well to remember, however, that if the original recorder failed to cross a 't', the name would be changed unintentionally from Stitson to Stilson.

T. B. Wyman in his Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown lists this man as William Stilson, but adds the variant forms Stitson and Stetson. He states that he married first, widow Elizabeth Harris, who died 16 Feb. 1669/70 aged 93; and second, 22 Aug. 1670, widow Mary Norton. He also states that according to his gravestone he died 11 Apr. 1691 in his 91st year and was deacon for 31 years 5 months.

The Descendants of Cornet Robert Stetson, by Oscar Frank Stetson, page 9, states that Deacon William Stetson became an inhabitant of Charlestown in 1632 and was admitted to the church with

his wife Elizabeth in 1633; states his second marriage to the widow Mary (Norton) Hill, and states his death. He states that William became wealthy; that he had no children of his own; and that his will bequeathed his property to the eight children of his first and second wives and to Sarah Johnson "who now dwells with me."

Mr. Stetson seems to have consulted the will. It seems certain from this that William was not the father of Vincent, for he could not have cut off his own son and left his property to step-children with the approval of the court and without protest from the son. So whether his name was really Stitson or Stilson, it is impossible to place him as father of Vincent, and I conclude that some genealogical novice simply made a poor guess. I advise dropping William from further consideration.

Donald Lines Jacobus

B

Sherwood Hawley Stilson (mentioned in addenda A) is a direct descendant of Moses II 5. His notes on Moses, son of Vincent I are as follows:

Moses Stilson b. 1676, d. 1760 at Newtown, Conn., m. 1705 Charity Gridley (may be an error) at Boston. Afterward moved to Milford. She was born 1686. Adm. to church May 9, 1708.

Children:

Moses b. Dec. 25, 1705, d. 1777; m. Mary Beers

John b. Mar. 13, 1708

James b. Mar. 8, 1713; m. Joanna Wheeler

Susannah b. Aug. 9, 1719

David

m. Rebecca Bailey

Jonathan

Mary

Anna

Sarah

Charity

Note the following from the Boston Transcript (date uncertain, but since 1935) signed S.D.M.:

Moses (3) Stilson b. abt. 1681, d. March 3, 1777; m. March 17, 1705, Charity Lagly or Bailey (so stated in V. R.); she d. July 3, 1736. They had nine children and

one adopted daughter who was found on their horse block, 1720; was named Charity and married Samuel Beardsley.

Moses (4) b. New Milford Dec. 25, 1705; will was proved Nov. 18, 1777; m. Mary Beers b. 1708, d. 1766; m. second, Sarah -----, b. 1718, d. 1802. John (5) b. Oct. 15, 1742, d. March 29, 1811; m. Hannah Trobridge.

Following is from the Boston Transcript and signed B.L.B.:

Moses Stilson married Charity Bayly (added in pencil, Lagley) March 17, 1704-5. In the cross index it reads Charity Lagley married Moses Stilson. Milford V. R. Moses, son of Moses, b. Dec. 25, 1705; find no m. recorded.

John Stilson, son of Moses was b. Newtown, Oct. 16, 1742; m. Aug. 11, 1763, Hannah Trowbridge. New Milford V. R.

And the following signed B.T.K.:

John (5) Stilson d. March 25, 1821, not 1811, as above. He was a Rev. War soldier. Children, 1-John, d. y.; 2-Sarah, 1764, d. y.; 3-John, 1771; m. 1794, Rachel Bostwick; 4-Billy, b. 1773, d. y.; 5-Samuel Trobridge, 1775, d.y.; 6-Malia (?) 1777, m. 1799, Nathaniel Taylor; 7-Dorcas, 1780, m. Daniel Hine.

C

The notes of Sherwood Hawley Stilson (mentioned in addenda A and B) give the following on Hugh, son of Vincent Stilson I.

Hugh Stilson b. ----- d. 1727; m. 1st Martha Fenn and 2nd Jane.

Children:

Samuel, b. 1701

m. Susannah Dean (?)

Joseph, b. 1704

m. 1st Mary Dunning
2nd Mary Brisco

Benjamin, b. 1709

m. Mehitable Fenn

Stephen, b. 1714 (not mentioned in author's notes)

Vincent, b. 1724 (son of Jane) m. Abigail Peck

It will be noted that Hugh's wife is given as Martha Fenn. Following is data received from Donald Lines Jacobus confirming this:

June 15, 1939

My dear Dr. Stilson:

The probate records did not help because the second Benjamin Fenn died in 1689 when his daughter Martha was only 12 and unmarried. So it was necessary to try the Milford Land Records, successfully I am glad to report.

Milford Church records show that Benjamin Fenn and Sarah his wife were admitted 20 Sept. 1640, and that Sarah died 29 Apr. 1663. The Milford Vital Records contain few early Fenn entries, despite the prominence of the family, so most of the entries have to be taken from the church records. However, the vital records state that Mr. Benjamin Fenn Senior and Mrs. Susanna Ward were married 12 Mar. 1663 (i.e., 1663/4). The Mr. and Mrs. signify social standing, and do not indicate that Susanna was a widow. That her name was Wood, not Ward, is proved by her will.

The first Benjamin Fenn is mentioned as a Deacon in the church records, and in the vital records appears as Magistrate and Assistant. The Assistants were the upper house of the colonial legislature, and the title was used in Conn. until 1818, when that of "Senator" was substituted. The printed Colonial Records will give length and dates of service. His first wife was Sarah Baldwin, baptized at Aston Clinton, co. Bucks, England, 22 Apr. 1621, daughter of Sylvester and Sarah Baldwin (Sarah wife of Sylvester Baldwin is often called Bryan, but I have never seen evidence that that was her maiden name.) There is a Baldwin Genealogy, and some account of the English Baldwins will also be found in vols. 26 and 38 of the New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Register.

An account of the first Benjamin Fenn, not entirely reliable, will be found in Ernest Flagg's "Founding of New England," p. 207. Flagg says that he came from Cheddington, co. Bucks. That is wrong. I have it on the authority of one of the best antiquarians and amateur genealogists in England that Benjamin Fenn was baptized at Stewkley, co. Bucks; but the clue was given me in case I had a client interested in the Fenn family who might care to follow it up, and as that has never eventuated, I am unable to give the particulars without a search of parish and probate records in England.

The will of Benjamin Fenn is entered in New Haven Probate Records, vol. 1, part 2, pp. 26-29; as it devised certain lands in parishes in co. Bucks, England, the will was also recorded in England, and the English copy was printed in full in the New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Register, vol. 47, p. 253.

I assume that the standard reference books referred to are readily available in your Cleveland libraries, and therefore have referred you to them for what is in print, so as to conserve

my time and be able to spend it on new data not in print, or the correction of printed sources where these err. So although I abstracted the long will of Benjamin Fenn at the Probate Court on Monday, now on finding the English copy has been printed in full, I refer you to that and merely mention that the will refers to his eldest son Benjamin Fenn. He was son of the first wife; but as proof that the second wife was Susanna Wood, not Ward, I refer to her will, dated 29 Sept. 1674 (Inventory taken 3 Nov. 1676) in New Haven Probate Records, vol. 1, part 2, p. 64. She was intending a voyage to England; mentioned her son James Fenn and daughter Susanna Fenn; her aged mother M^{rs} Susanna Wood of the parish of Suckley in Worcestershire; beloved brther M^r Sam^l: Bach, Merch^t at Jamaica; eldest sister Sarah Wood alias "juce" (?); and youngest sister Mary Wood.

The will of "M^r Benjamin ffeñ senio^r of Milford was dated 14 Sept. 1672 and proved 13 Nov. 1672, and the inventory was taken on the latter date, so probably he died early in Nov. 1672.

Children by first wife:

- i. Benjamin, bapt. 20 Sept. 1640; see below.
- ii. Joseph, bapt. 20 Nov. 1642; d. at Norwalk, Conn., before his father, unm.
- iii. Sarah, bapt. Apr. 1645.
- iv. Mary, bapt. 10 Oct. 1647.
- v. Martha, bapt. 7 July 1650; m. 14 Mar. 1668/9, Samuel Newton, son of Rev. Roger Newton, the second pastor of Milford.

Children by second wife:

- vi. Samuel, born 4 Mar. 1666; bapt. 2 Apr. 1666; d. 27 Feb. 1666/7.
- vii. Samuel, born 4 Sept. 1667; bapt. 15 Sept. 1667.
- viii. Susanna, born 4 May 1669; bapt. 9 May 1669.
- ix. James, born 14 May 1672; bapt. (first entry after 21 Apr.) 1672.

The Vital Records state that Benjamin ffeñ son of M^r Benjamin, and Mehetabell Gunn, daughter of Jasper, married 21 Dec. 1660; but births of their children are not found (with one exception)--the numbering of the pages shows that four pages are missing covering a period at which these entries may have appeared. Benjamin's wife Mehitabel joined the church, so fortunately we have the baptisms of the children, the first three baptized together in 1667. Mehitabel was daughter of Dr. Jasper and Christian Gunn, of whom you will find a full account in a book I compiled, "Botsford-Marble Ancestral Lines," pp. 42-43. After Benjamin's early death, Mehitabel married (2) Nicholas Camp, Jr.

Inventory of the estate of M^r Benjamin ffeñ late of milfo deceased was taken 23 Oct. 1689; total, £731:06:03 (New Haven Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 20). It is unfortunate he left no will, for in intestate estates one finds little genealogical information in the probate record volumes; court orders, the appointment of

guardians, and orders of distribution (usually naming the children) are entered at that period in the County Court Records, and these volumes were sent about a year ago to the State Library, so I can no longer consult them without going to Hartford.

Children of Benjamin and Mehitabel (Gunn) Fenn:

- i. Benjamin, bapt. 7 July 1667.
- ii. Mary, bapt. 7 July 1667.
- iii. Joseph, bapt. 7 July 1667.
- iv. Sarah, bapt. 20 Sept. 1668.
- v. Samuel, bapt. 16 July 1671; buried 7 Sept. 1671.
- vi. Mehitabel, bapt. 18 Aug. 1672.
- vii. Hannah, bapt. 30 May 1675.
- viii. MARTHA, bapt. 10 June 1677.
- ix. Samuel, born 11 July 1679; bapt. 21 Mar. 1685/6;
d. Sept. 1689.

Milford Land Records, vol. 6, p. 156, contain a deed dated 22 Apr. 1721 from Benjamin Fenn of Milford to Martha Stilson in consideration of a release from Hugh Stilson and Martha his wife of their claim "unto y^e Estate of y^r Honoured Father Benjⁿ Fenn Late of Milford Deceased." Which in modern English would read "the estate of their honored father." This is positive proof, of course, that Martha Fenn was wife of Hugh Stilson. There is also the fact that Benjamin son of Martha wife of Hugh Stilson was baptized at Milford, 6 Feb. 1708/9. The son Benjamin was named after Martha's father. The entry was made in this way because Martha was a church member (while Hugh apparently was not) so the child was baptized in her right. The same applies to the baptisms of the children of Benjamin and Mehitabel Fenn who were all baptized as children of "sister Mehetabell ffen" or simply "sister ffen" in a couple of baptisms--in her case the name of her husband was not even mentioned.

The deed was of course from the third Benjamin Fenn, born probably about 1662 (bapt. 1667), to his sister Martha (Fenn) Stilson, born 1677.

I regret that I could not collect full details of the Fenn family and also make a thorough search of Stilson deeds in Milford, which might have developed further matter of interest, but I concentrated on what seemed most essential, to give the best possible results for the time spent. If the second Benjamin had died when his children were older, and had left a will naming his daughter as Martha Stilson or as wife of Hugh Stilson, the deed would not have been essential as proof, and that would have left more time to develop the Fenn family and the public services of the first Benjamin, which I think are sufficient to make him an eligible ancestor for Colonial Dames (for descendants of the fair sex)--but I should not want to be quoted as so asserting without a more particular checking of his services.

Donald L. Jacobus.

Ancestry of Martha Fenn
(taken from foregoing record)

Sylvester Baldwin

m.

Sarah Baldwin

they had

Sarah Baldwin — m. — Benjamin Fenn

Bapt. Aston Clinton Bapt. Stewkley

co. Bucks, England co. Bucks,

Apr. 22, 1621 England.

d. Apr. 29, 1663 d. Nov. 1672

they had

1. Benjamin Fenn — m. 1st — Mehitable Gunn

Bapt. Sept. 20,
1640

Dec. 21,
1660

m. 2nd after death of
Benjamin Fenn, Nicho-
las Camp, Jr.

d. before Oct.

23, 1689

they had

1. Benjamin Fenn

Bapt. July 7, 1667

8. MARTHA FENN — m. — HUGH STILSON II 6

Bapt. June 10, 1677

(son of VINCENT I

they had

III 1. MARTHA STILSON b. Aug. 6, 1699

III 2. SAMUEL STILSON b. Apr. 27, 1701

III 3. JOSEPH STILSON b. June 18, 1704

III 4. BENJAMIN STILSON b. Feb. 6, 1708/9

III 5. STEPHEN STILSON b. 1714

D

Following is from Boston Transcript of May 28, 1937. Signed S.M.D.W.:

Mary Dunning, wife of Joseph (4) Stilson, was daughter of Benjamin Dunning and Elizabeth Minor of Woburn. Elizabeth was daughter of John and Sarah Minor, and was baptized July 6, 1690.

E

Note the following from the Boston Transcript under date of May 28, 1937 and signed S.M.D.W.:

Joseph (4), born June 19, 1727, died April 26, 1811; married Margaret Clinton. Their children were: 1, Eunice, born Sept. 12, 1750, died April 18, 1815; 2, Mary, born Sept. 19, 1751, died April 29, 1815; 3, Josiah, born Jan. 14, 1753, died 1815, married Feb. 15, 1776, Rebecca Clark of Parmlee; 4, Abel, Feb. 13, 1754, died April 25, 1824; 5, Mercy, born June 15, 1755, married ----- Perkins; 6, Sarah, July 18, 1758, died 1832, married 1783, Timothy Cowles (born 1754, died 1882); 7, Rebecca, March 9, 1761, died Dec. 24, 1815; 8, Amarillis, Sept. 27, 1762, married ----- Tolles; 9, Eli, Feb. 20, 1764, married Feb. 22, 1786, Abigail Northrup; 10, Amos, 1766, married Aug. 12, 1786, Sarah Clinton; 11, Lucy, 1769, married ----- Sherwood.

Joseph (5) Stilson married second, Hannah -----.

(References: Bethlehem and Amity church records.)

In the foregoing, the notation relative to the marriage of Amos (b. 1766) and Sarah Clinton Aug. 12, 1786, is incorrect. The Amos who married Sarah Clinton was half-brother of Joseph (father of the above group). See pages 15 and 22.

F

The author had hoped to be able to determine the manner in which David Stilson came into possession of the farm in 1814 and also its actual size. Up to the present all efforts in this direction have failed.

The following, taken from the "History of Warren County" by Schenck, page 259, may be of interest:

Brokenstraw, the original township of the County (Warren, Pa.) was formed and ordered to be at once organized by the Crawford County Court of Quarter Sessions at Oct. term 1800. It then embraced all of that part of Warren County lying west of the Allegheny River and Conewango Creek.

During March term in 1808 the Venango County Court of Quarter Sessions ordered that Warren County be divided into two townships--Brokenstraw and Conewango, the first to include the western and the latter the eastern half of the county.

G

The following record of real estate transactions of Charles Truesdell and A. C. Stillson was submitted Sept. 11, 1939 by Katherine Kalvelage, Recorder of Deeds of Erie County, Erie, Pa.

Deed - Daniel A. Durham ux
To - Charles Truesdell
Dated - Sept. 24, 1858
Recorded - November 19, 1858 in Deed Book 9, page 418
Description - Union Twp. containing 70 acres

Deed - Ezra Cooper
To - Amos C. Stillson
Dated - October 22, 1880
Recorded - May 6, 1884 in Deed Book 79, page 499
Description - Elgin Borough containing 95 acres

Deed - Ranson N. Reynolds
To - Amos C. Stillson
Dated - April 12, 1883
Recorded - May 6, 1884 in Deed Book 78, page 775
Description - Borough of Elgin - (number of acres not given)

The following deeds located in Elgin Borough appear in Grantor Index dated from 1823 to 1920:

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Amos C. Stillson al	Ranson N. Reynolds	5-15-1877	11- 7-1877	97 Acres
Amos C. Stillson al	Mary B. Cole	10-18-1877	4-11-1878	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ n
Amos C. Stillson al	Rozilla Palmer	1- 2-1877	6- 7-1881	4 n
Amos C. Stillson ux	Emaline A. Burch	7-18-1883	9- 3-1883	5 n
Amos C. Stillson ux	Orange G. Alden	2- 4-1884	5- 6-1884	--
Amos C. Stillson ux	Esbern C. Palmer	4-10-1883	3-22-1886	40 n
Amos C. Stillson ux	Emma G. Baker	5-26-1886	10- 3-1896	1 n
Amos C. Stillson al	William N. Gordon al	10-25-1905	7- 8-1912	1 n
Amos C. Stillson ux	Wilson C. McCray	3-13-1908	2-23-1910	60 n

C. W. Stillson VIII 2, son of Amos C. Stillson VII 2, gives the following opinion relative to the property at Elgin, Pennsylvania:

"The land originally bought by A. C. Stillson and Charles Truesdell was about 200 acres. This included the farm down by the mill, 95 acres and about 89 acres where the homestead stands (see picture). However I feel certain that two pieces (the one where our old house stands and the one where the church now stands) were nearer 150 acres. The plot of ground on which the Methodist Church was moved from Beaver Dam was donated to the Methodist Church organization by Amos C. Stillson."

MISCELLANEOUS MEMORANDA

The author has recently received from Mrs. Stilson, 32 West Court St., Cortland, New York, the complete collection of notes on Stilson Genealogy compiled by her late husband, Edward Stilson.

Mr. Edward Stilson was born in Cortland, N.Y., Mar. 4, 1867 and was a son of Edward and Mary Wickwire Stilson. The author would judge from newspaper clippings found among the notes mentioned above that he was a man of unusual prominence and activity particularly in civic and religious matters. He was especially interested in young people and contributed much to the progress of YMCA work. He was called "patron saint of boys' work in Cortland County."

Prior to his death, Oct. 21, 1933 he had completed his ancestral line directly back to Moses Stilson II 5. Consequently his notes contain much early history of interest and the author is taking the liberty of including herewith some excerpts from them. As stated at the beginning of this work it is not the author's intention to compile a complete genealogy of the Stilson family, but enough reliable and authentic information has now been received to make a fairly complete record of the descendants of Moses II 5, brother of Hugh II 6.

Following is an extract from a letter from Mrs. H. V. Hobbie (Una Stilson Hobbie), 909 East Main St., Rochester, New York, to Edward Stilson, Treasurer and Director, Wickwire Bros., Cortland, N.Y., under date of May 13, 1899:

"As I understand from reading Colonial History, a part of the early settlers of Milford (Conn.) were from Hereford, a shire in the west of England, bordering on Wales; Rev. Peter Prudden, Milford's first pastor, I believe, was from that shire. That may account for the Welsh tradition. Our tradition is that we are of Scottish

descent. The names of Vincent's sons were undeniably Welsh or Scotch."

Extract from notes of Edward Stilson:

Moses Stilson (son of Vincent I)

Born 1676 (?) Removed to Newtown Conn., 1720

Died 1760 in Newtown, Conn., in 84th year of his age

Married Charity Gridley of Boston who was admitted into the church May 9, 1708

Moses and wife Charity were received into the fellowship of the Church May 27, 1753 by a letter signed J. Judson, Pastor

Extract from notes of Edward Stilson, which evidently had been given to him by Mrs. Mary Merwin Tibbals, P.O. Box 484, Milford, Conn., and dated Nov. 8, 1899 (through Mrs. Hobbie):

From Land Records, Town Clerk's office, Milford, Conn.:

Vincent Stilson transferred land to George Clark, Jan. 18, 1686.

Samuel Stilson transferred land to Benjamin Fenn, May 24, 1704.

Hugh Stilson transferred land to John Hine, May 5, 1705.

Baptisms, First Church Records:

Martha, daughter Sister Martha Stilson, wife of Hugh, baptized Aug. 6, 1699.

Samuel, baptized April 27, 1701 (son of Martha and Hugh).

Moses, son of Charity, wife of Moses, baptized May 16, 1708.

Benjamin, son of Martha & Hugh, baptized Feb. 6, 1709.

John, son of Charity & Moses, baptized May 13, 1709.

James, son of Charity & Moses, baptized Mar. 8, 1713.

Stephen, son of Martha & Hugh, baptized June 14, 1719.

Susannah, daughter of Charity & Moses, baptized Aug. 9, 1719.

Town Records - births:

Moses Stilson, son of Moses, b. Dec. 25, 1705.

John Stilson, son of Moses, b. Mar. 13, 1708.

Joseph (or Josiah) Stilson son of Joseph and Margaret,
b. Jan. 14, 1753.

Abell Stilson, son of Joseph and Margaret, b. Feb. 13,
1754.

Mary (or Mercy) Stilson, daughter of Joseph and Margaret,
b. June 20, 1755.

Sarah Stilson, daughter of Joseph and Margaret, b. July
28, 1758.

Rebekah Stilson, daughter of Joseph and Margaret, b.
Mar. 9, 1761.

Amarilla Stilson, daughter of Joseph and Margaret, b.
Sept. 27, 1762.

Ely Stilson, son of Joseph and Margaret, b. Feb. 20,
1764.

Town Records - marriages:

Joseph Stilson of Milford, to Margaret Clinton of West
Haven, Nov. 20, 1749.

Nathan Platt of Milford, to Mary Stilson of Newtown,
Conn., Jan. 7, 1754.

Church Records:

Martha, wife of Hugh Stilson, admitted to the church May
14, 1699. Charity, wife of Moses Stilson, admitted
to the church May 9, 1708.

No Records on Tombstones at Milford, Conn.

On a recent visit to Los Angeles, California the
author found and copied the following from the telephone
directory:

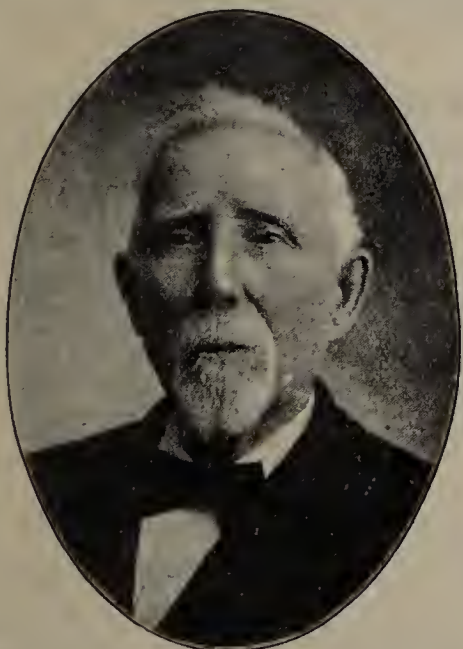
Stillson, Bernard J.	r 2228 Observatory Av.
Stillson, Thomas A.	r 8735 Dalton Av.
Stillson, V. A.	r 354 E. 111th St.

Stilson, E. S. r 1724 Hillside dr Gln.
Stilson, F. C. r 634 Stratford Av. S. Pas.
Stilson, L. R. & Co.
prntng 1617 W. 9th.
Stilson W. M. paving 2230 Hollister ter Gln.
r 2230 Hollister ter.
Stilson, W. W. Mrs. r 527 S. St. Andrews Pl.
Stilson, Walter, Dr. r 426 W. Linda Vista av Alh.
Stilson, Warren M. r 650 W. 111th St.

There is a street in Los Angeles called Stilson Street.

From a letter from Mrs. Edward Stilson, Cortland, N.Y., Sept. 22, 1939:

"There is a Miss Flora Stilson who is curator of the New Milford, Conn. Historical Society. She is a distant cousin."



DANIEL CHAPMAN STILLSON

Born April 25th, 1830

Died Aug. 20th, 1899

Inventor of the
GENUINE WALWORTH STILLSON WRENCH

The newspaper clipping at the left was found among the collection of notes of the late Edward Stilson of Cortland, N.Y. There was no record or note of the ancestry of Daniel among Mr. Stilson's papers, nor was there mention of the name of the paper from which it was taken.



The above photograph which has very recently come into the author's possession is that of Rev. Charles and Betsy (Baker) Truesdell, their son Steward and daughter Stella (who became the wife of Amos Clinton Stillson VII 2). The picture was taken previous to Mar. 1, 1870 as that was the date of Steward's death (he was then about 17 years old).

Copy of the work of Mrs. A. B. Keith, W. 1402 Montgomery, Spokane, Washington, on Stilson Genealogy was received Sept. 25, 1939. Her notes give references and are very complete. Although they are in her own hand writing, they are the best collection yet seen by the author.

It is interesting to note that she too, considers "William Stilson (Stitson) b. Herefordshire, England, 1600, settled in Charlestown, Mass.," to be "immigrant ancestor."

Aside from this, her notes are almost identical with those of the author up to "Amos, b. 1743"(Joseph³ b. 1704, Hugh², Vincent¹).

Under the note on Amos (mentioned above) she had written as follows, "M. perhaps Sarah Clinton, 1772, dau. of Lawrence Clinton." The author's notes in this work prove the above marriage and carry the line on from "Amos and Sarah."

With Mrs. Keith's permission, data contained in her records, have been carefully copied for the author's files.

As a final word the author desires to state that he fully realizes that this work is by no means complete. It is but a thin skein of history which may serve as a reference should others at any time desire to gather up the threads and weave them into a more complete and perfect fabric.

It has required about four years to collect and compile the notes herein contained and many hours have been spent in checking and rechecking the dates and data. Consequently it is believed that the information given here is correct. It is confirmed in all instances by written and authentic documents.

At some later time the work of Sherwood Hawley Stilson, Edward Stilson, and Mrs. A. B. Keith may be put into more definite form and placed in the Western Reserve Historical Library in Cleveland, Ohio, where it may be available for reference.

All the expense that has been incurred and the enormous amount of time and effort expended in securing, compiling and publishing the material are insignificant compared to the pleasure the author has experienced in doing it.

Each member of the family who comes into possession of a copy of this book is urged to correct any possible errors, add missing dates and data, and continue the record for future generations.

There are One Hundred copies.

